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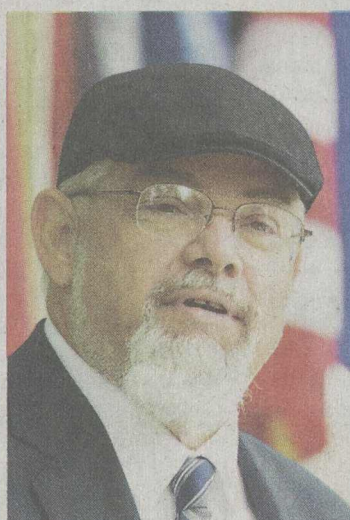
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## Wilmington's Memorial Day



▲ Major Rob Oliveri USAF Retired and Joyce Dalton, sister of Ronald Dow Eaton, KIA Korea, laying a wreath in Ronald's memory.



▲ Chief Henry Diorio USCG Retired ringing the bell on the town common. Dedication ceremony of all Wilmington's parks and squares.

## Superintendent evaluations proceed

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — In spite of the interruption cause by the coronavirus pandemic, the Wilmington School Committee is in the process of completing a year-end evaluation for Superintendent of Schools Glenn Brand. The prospect of the evaluation was discussed at a School Committee meeting on May 13.

At the beginning of the school year, Brand had been tasked with providing the committee with one professional practice goal, one student learning goal, two to four district improvement goals, and six to eight aligned indicator goals, in accordance with state frameworks for superintendent evaluation.

According to Brand, some of the initial goals were not

met due to the disruption to the normal school year.

"This report is different than what I had envisioned in August, given the significant or abrupt pause that we had," Brand said.

He noted that he had done his best to specify exactly how the disruption had affected goal achievement.

"I tried to be honest in capturing that through that one document," he said, referring to a public document provided to the School Committee detailing the original goals.

Committee member David Ragsdale asked how to committee would account for the disruption in the evaluation process.

Committee Chair Jennifer Bryson noted that much of the evaluation could take place within the existing framework.

"I think that there are ways to incorporate the work that has happened in the past few months using the overall rubric," Bryson said.

Brand noted that the committee could discuss with legal counsel or the Massachusetts Association of School Committees

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Among a string of serious felony cases considered during the week of May 18, the Suffolk Superior Court grand jury reconvened to return indictments against Shawn McCarthy, 46, of Wilmington, on three charges related to sexually assaulting two women in July 2012. The announcement comes from a press release by the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

It was District Attorney Rachael Rollins who personally appealed to Chief Justice Judith Fabricant of the Superior County for the grand jury to resume sessions for similar cases that had been interrupted by the pandemic.

According to the press release from the Suffolk County District Court, "Suffolk County prosecutors had already begun presenting evidence to the panel in the weeks and months prior to the declaration of a State of Emergency on March 10,

2020."

The grand jury has been allowed to meet only under strict social distancing guidelines. The statement also says that Suffolk County is the only district in the state and one of only a few in the country allowing grand juries to hear felony cases at this time.

The allegations of the Commonwealth are written in plain terms in the aforementioned press release. McCarthy is accused of picking up two women in their early 20s in his police cruiser while working as an armed, uniformed MBTA police officer in 2012. They say that he offered a free ride to the two women near the Aquarium subway stop, drove them around for a while, and violated them in and on the car when they stopped to use the restroom.

The statement continues to explain exactly what sexual acts to which the Commonwealth claims McCarthy subjected the women.

"McCarthy said he hadn't risked his job for nothing and he would not take them back downtown until he got something out of it. The women stated that they feared getting in trouble and had no choice but to submit as McCarthy subjected them to sexual acts."

While the statement says that McCarthy admitted to picking up the victims, he evidently denies any wrongdoing.

The case has only come up because of information that came out during the hiring process for a law enforcement job for one of the victims in August of 2019.

"The matter was initially referred to BPD and further investigation identified the assailant as a Transit Police officer," the statement continues.

A grand jury investigation began with the MBTA police following the divulging of the assault. As the case came forward, McCarthy was initially placed on administrative leave late last year before he resigned from the MBTA police.

DA Rollins is quoted in the press release address-

ing the importance of trust between the community and the police.

"When a member of any law enforcement agency commits such a horrendous act, it erodes the community's confidence in law enforcement as a whole," she said. "My office intends to hold this individual accountable as part of our efforts to rebuild the community's trust in this noble profession."

She acknowledged the courage of these victims coming forward in this instance.

Rollins also thanked the investigative teams, namely Superintendent Richard Sullivan of the Transit Police Department, for their efforts in diligence and compassion for the victims.

"Sexual assault can happen to anyone. While the victims of any crime are asked to call 911 in an emergency, survivors of sexual violence can also call their local rape crisis center for free and confidential services and to

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## Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

### WML to go! Curbside pickup now available at the library

Need some reading material? The WML will begin curbside pickup beginning Tuesday, May 26.

Please note that pickup is only available for items currently in the WML's collection.

Itching to read *Little Fires Everywhere* or *The Great Alone*? If you know the specific items you want from our collection, please place a hold in our catalog at [wilmlibrary.org](http://wilmlibrary.org). Need a whodunnit or a beachy romance? Staff are happy to select titles for you from our shelves! Please visit our website to fill out the WML to Go form with your preferences.

In both cases, staff will be in touch by phone or email when your items are ready to be picked up. When you arrive at the library, call the main number at 978-658-2967. Staff will bring your items to your car and place them in the trunk.

Please do not return items at this time. Due dates for previously checked out items have been extended to June 12. Happy reading!

#### WML Programs Gone Virtual!

See our entire calendar of events and register for programs at [wilmlibrary.org](http://wilmlibrary.org).

#### Adult Programs

##### Seven Steps to Managing Your Memory

Thursday, June 4 at 7 p.m.

Dr. Andrew E. Budson, Professor of Neurology at BU, lecturer at Harvard, Chief of Cognitive Neurology at the Boston VA, and Medical Director of the Boston Center for Memory will explain how individuals can distinguish changes in memory due to Alzheimer's versus normal aging; what medications, vitamins, diets, and exercise regimes can help; and the best habits, strategies, and memory aids to use, in seven simple steps.

##### History of Friendly's Ice Cream

Friday, June 5 at 2 p.m.

Take a trip down memory lane and enjoy a look back at Friendly's founders and their restaurants. Led by Friendly's historian Rose Slate. Grab a bowl

of Friendly's ice cream to enjoy during this stay-at-home presentation.

##### Edible Landscaping with Chef and Gardener Liz Barbour

Monday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m.

A slide presentation tour of chef and gardener Liz Barbour's cottage-sized edible gardens followed by a demonstration of two delicious recipes featuring edible flowers.

##### How to Bake Sourdough

Tuesday, June 9 at 7 p.m.

Join Library Associate and home baker Lisa Crispin for a program on all things sourdough! We'll discuss equipment you need to get started, feeding and maintaining your starter, and great resources for recipes and troubleshooting. Lisa will show her dough at various stages and helpful tips for the perfect loaf.

##### Author Talk with Liv Constantine

Thursday, June 11 at 7 p.m.

Liv Constantine is the pen name of USA Today

and Wall Street Journal bestselling authors and sisters Lynne and Valerie Constantine. Their debut thriller, *The Last Mrs. Parrish*, was a Reese Witherspoon book club selection, a People Magazine book of the week, a Target book club selection, and is in development for television. Their second book, *The Last Time I Saw You*, was published by HarperCollins in 2019 and has been optioned for film. Lynne and Valerie are national and international bestselling authors with books available in over 31 countries. *The Wife Stalker* (Harper, May 19, 2020) is their third novel.

#### Middle Ground Book Club

Tuesday, June 2 at 4:30 p.m.

Middle Ground Book Club is back with a "funny, charming, and incredibly touching... story about friendship, family, and the courage it takes to live your truth." *The Best At It* by Maulik Pancholy, accessible via Hoopla! During a Zoom meeting, we'll discuss the book, catch up on how you're doing, and talk about what other great reads we'll tackle virtually this summer! Grades 5 - 7

#### Online LEGO Club

Thursday, June 4 at 4 p.m.

Build LEGOs (or whatever building materials you have at your house) at

#### Youth Programs

the same time as other LEGO fans online. At the end, you can share what you made during the time, and show one other item that you may have already built at home. Ages 5+.

#### Pride Month

##### Quarantee Read

Tuesday, June 9 at 7 p.m.

Stay connected with other teens and celebrate Pride Month by reading *Queer, There, and Everywhere: 23 People Who Changed the World* by Sarah Prager, illustrated by Zoe More O'Ferrall, via Hoopla! During this Zoom meeting, we'll discuss the book, catch up, and talk about what we'll ask Sarah after her presentation on June 16! Grades 7 - 12

## Pham graduates from College of The Holy Cross

WORCESTER — Jullia Pham, of Wilmington, received a bachelor of arts degree from College of the Holy Cross on May 22, 2020.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, Holy Cross hosted a virtual celebration for its Class of 2020, featuring a special message from Holy Cross alumnus Dr. Anthony Fauci '62, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Pham was among 707 students who received electronic diplomas as part of the event.

The virtual celebrations will be followed by an in-person commencement ceremony for the class of 2020 to be held in spring 2021.

#### About College of the Holy Cross:

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, is among the nation's leading liberal arts institu-

tions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition.

Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

## Call Friendship Lodge if you need a ramp installed

WILMINGTON — Friendship Lodge, a Masonic lodge in Wilmington, has been installing, on loan, wheelchair ramps for those in need in the greater Wilmington area for the last 18 years.

Friendship Lodge installs the ramps on loan, for free, on a case by case basis and removes the ramps when they are no longer needed.

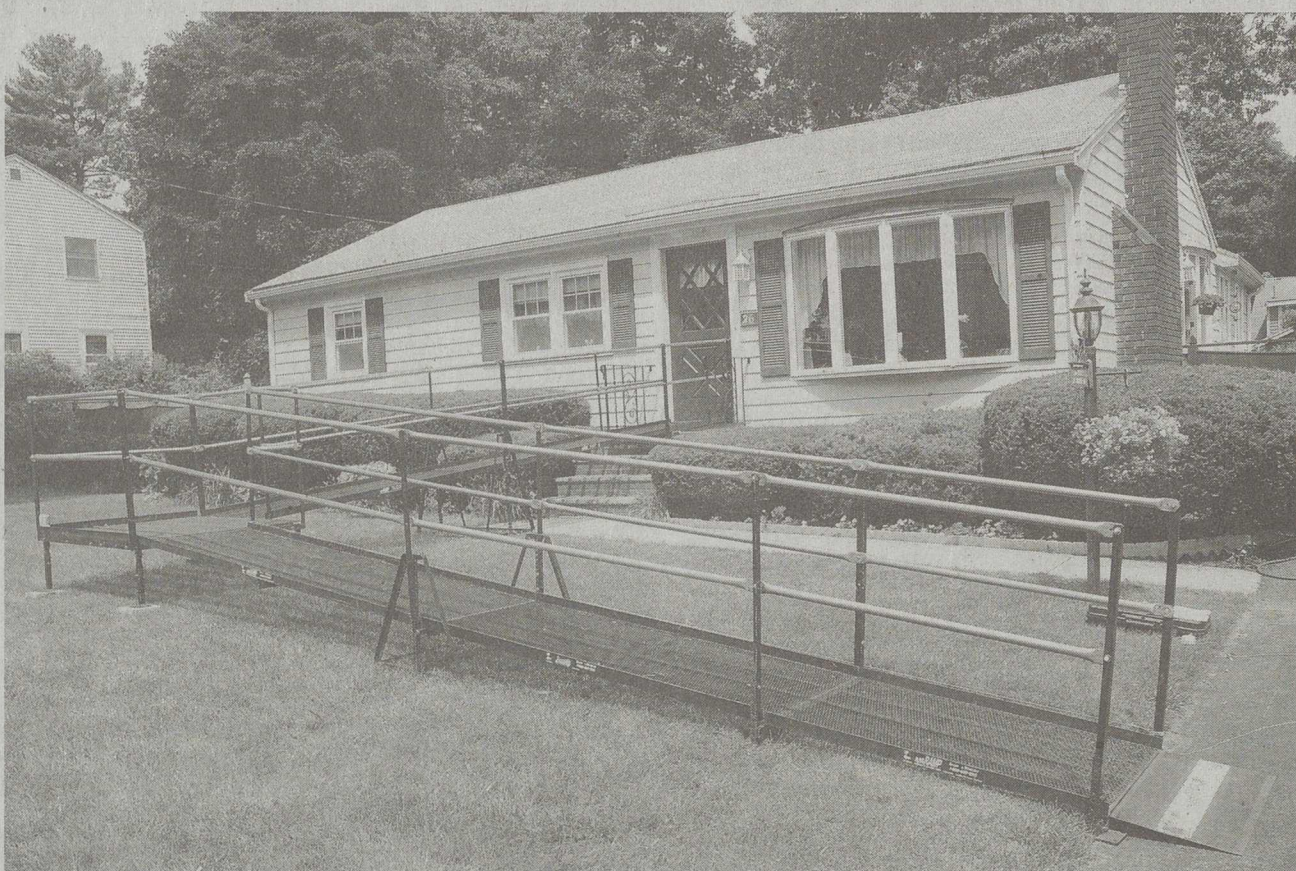
The Lodge currently owns more than 50 ramps, almost all of which are out on loan. All the ramps come to the Lodge from donations of people who no

longer need them.

If you have a ramp you want to donate, please contact the Lodge. The ramp crew will come disassemble and remove the ramp for you.

Friendship Lodge also loans out hospital equipment, for free, such as hospital beds, wheelchairs, shower chairs, porta potties, etc.

If you are in need of a wheelchair ramp or hospital equipment, call Friendship Lodge at 978-658-6731 and leave a message. They will get back to you.



### It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois



## CREDITS AND DEDUCTIONS FOR BUSINESSES

— PART I —

Reviewing options and eligibility now can help business owners better estimate their tax situation and plan ahead. Here are just a few key deductions and credits that can benefit small business taxpayers.

**Deductions:** Qualified business income deduction. Many individuals, including owners of businesses operated through sole proprietorships, partnerships, S corporations, trusts and estates may be eligible for a qualified business income deduction, also called the section 199A deduction. Some trusts and estates may also claim the deduction directly.

The deduction allows them to deduct up to 20 percent of their qualified business income (QBI), plus 20 percent of qualified real estate investment trust (REIT) dividends and qualified publicly traded partnership (PTP) income. Income earned by a C corporation or by providing services as an employee isn't eligible for the deduction. The deduction is available for tax years beginning after Dec. 31, 2017. Eligible taxpayers can claim it for the first time on their 2018 federal income tax returns filed in 2019.

**Business losses:** The TCJA also made changes to losses. Under TCJA, losses from a trade or business are now limited to \$250,000 or \$500,000 for a joint return. This includes activities reported on Schedule C by a self-employed individual and farming activities reported on Schedule F. It also includes being an employee and certain activities reported on Schedule E. Excess business losses that are no longer allowed are treated as a net operating loss (NOL) and carried forward to the following tax year.

For most taxpayers, NOLs arising after 2017 can only be carried forward. However, certain farming businesses and insurance companies — other than life insurance — can still use a two-year carryback for certain losses. After Dec. 31, 2017, the net operating loss deduction is limited to 80 percent of taxable income. Rules for existing or pre-2018 NOLs remain the same.

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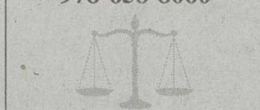
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## The Friendship Lodge ramp crew shows off their work

▲ The Friendship Lodge ramp crew back in action on May 21 after a short hiatus. Social distancing is impossible while constructing a ramp but all other precautions are taken. Left to right are Ron Mahoney, Bernie Nally, Bob Bishop, Brian King, Dick Searfoss, and Ed Torell.



History — Town notes from the Crusader:

# Arthur Lynch makes a call to Boston

By CAPT. LARZ NELSON  
Founder of the Town Crier

Arthur Lynch  
makes a call

May 6, 1953

Arthur Lynch, chairman of the Wilmington School Committee, worked in Peabody, close to the site of the plant which had such a disastrous fire last week.

Lynch, mindful of the rewards offered by a Boston paper for news tips, went to the only public phone available, to call that paper. There was no direct dialing then, so he would have to give the operator the number verbally.

While he was looking up the number, a reporter from the Salem News came up and asked if Lynch would object to the reporter's using the phone.

Lynch had no objection, but asked the reporter if he knew the number of

the Boston paper. The reporter gave him the number, not realizing the operator was ready to take the number for the reporter's call to Salem.

The call went through to the Boston paper. Realizing what he had done, the reporter handed the phone to Lynch, who delivered the news tip. He then turned the phone back to the reporter.

The million dollar fire at American Polymer Corp. killed one man and injured 30 others.

## Educational Institution

Among the papers that were considered by the selectman in May 1953 was one asking them to attest to the character of some Wilmington residents who were establishing a club in a neighboring town. The club, according to the paperwork, is for the pur-

pose "to establish and maintain a place for holding meetings and to perform and encourage educational, social, athletic and civic activities and to do all things necessary and incidental thereto, permissible under Chapter 180 of the General Laws and these purposes shall include the right to apply for a license to sell alcoholic beverages."

All the text except the last 16 words were printed, and the remainder were typed. The selectmen seemed to find this quite amusing.

## Wilson's water

Sept. 22, 1954 (after Hurricane Edna)

The laddies of the Wilmington Fire Dept. received quite a kidding last Thursday afternoon, when Ken Wilson of Suncrest Avenue got on his regular

radio program on WHDH. Ken described the efforts of the fire department to pump out his cellar. According to Ken, the department responded with two aerial engines, a pumping tower and six other pieces of apparatus. They set up a tent in his driveway and stayed there three days. Their logic, according to Ken, was to knock a hole in the basement wall so it could flow out, but they also dug a hole in the cellar floor, so that it now resembles the Grand Canyon.

Ken had a few good words for the laddies, though. He advised someone who was talking about the 325th anniversary of Saugus that they should hire the fire department band. He was also very sorry that he had disrupted the boys' pinchle game.

## ~Recycling Tip of the Week~

- Reduce food waste by toasting old bread and using a rolling pin to make bread crumbs. Toss in the freezer.
- Make a stock bag for your freezer including

chicken carcasses, bits of vegetables, cheese rinds and wilted herbs.

- Make rice pudding with leftover rice; add coconut milk and honey and chill.

## Book Stew Review

# 'Normal People' by Sally Rooney

By EILEEN  
MACDOUGALL

Have you seen the mini-series on Hulu? The book is even better, and its title is the irony of ironies: why should beautiful, broken, brilliant people ever strive for "normalcy," whatever that is?

This story, encompassing four years in the lives of Marianne and Connell of Sligo, Ireland, reads like the interior unwinding of two pairs of brains, hearts, and guts — always in harmony despite being unable to do what they say and say what they mean.

Connell, son of a struggling single mother, is smart, popular and athletic. Marianne, shunned by other students, is from a terrible home of wealth and privilege,

ignored by her mother and brutalized by her brother.

Avoiding public attention in their tiny town and cramped social circle, they establish a secret relationship that enriches and defines them. Their social statuses reverse after high school as they matriculate to Trinity University, a prestigious institution dripping with wealthy dilettantes, where Marianne achieves cachet and Connell is miserably lonely.

Through their college years, their lives intertwine and break apart for all the wrong reasons. Yet they are truly dependent on each other for rescue and for succor. This novel is overflowing with tenderness, brutality, and bleak and shining truths.

## Poll workers needed

democracy runs smoothly.

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- Nov. 3, 2020 state election

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Alternatively, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 978-640-4355 and one will be mailed to you. Completed applications may be:

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## School Committee moves to fall start date

By ROSALYN IMPINK  
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — The School Committee met on Wednesday, May 20, for a virtual meeting to recognize academic excellence of the TMHS Class of 2020.

The committee acknowledged the achievements of Tewksbury Memorial High School's graduating seniors in a special section of the meeting. 66 seniors graduated as members of National Honor Society, and district superintendent Chris Malone read out the names of the seniors to the board.

Assistant superintendent Brenda Regan listed 28 students who achieved cum laude distinction, meaning they ended their four years at TMHS with between a 3.6 and 3.8 grade point average (GPA). 42 students received magna cum laude distinction with a GPA between 3.81 and 4.0. 49 students received summa cum laude distinction with a GPA of 4.1 or higher.

11 students were recognized in the top five percent of the class, and committee member John Stadman read a resolution of recognition to honor these students.

The committee honored the three top ranking students in the class: Elizabeth Taggart, class marshal, University of Richmond; Megan Cunningham, salutatorian, University of Connecticut-Storrs; and Victoria Schille, valedictorian, University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Outgoing TMHS principal Kristen Vogel review-

ed the schedule for the remainder of the year to honor seniors. Caps and gowns as well as celebratory yard signs were sent to seniors' homes, and the last day of remote learning for seniors will be May 29. On May 31, the district will recognize spring senior athletes with a slideshow.

From June 2 to 4, seniors and their families will have a scheduled time to receive their diploma and yearbook and have their photo taken with family. The commencement ceremony video will be sent to families on June 5, and will be publicly available on June 6 via Tewksbury Telemedia.

The school is tentatively planning for a senior cook-out in late summer for students and their families, though the event will be subject to public health regulations should it occur. On June 10, fall sports signups will be sent to incoming ninth graders and a video to be released on June 11 will welcome ninth grade families to the high school.

In the superintendent and staff report, Malone spoke to the committee about grants available under the CARES act to offset lost money and help shore up budgets in the coming school year.

He mentioned that academic recovery programs and summer camps provided by the district may have to be pushed out depending on public health regulations, as currently, there is no in-person instruction until June 29.

The district is also seeking to refund spring sports fees and parking permits at the high school.

With Vogel leaving for the superintendent role in Lynnfield, the high school received 23 applications for the interim principal position.

The committee recognized food services staff as part of Governor Charlie Baker's Lunch Heroes proclamation, school nurses for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the annual teacher appreciation week.

District art teachers are putting together a virtual art show for the community. Additionally, teachers will begin working on a plan to enter the schools in the upcoming weeks to collect educational materials and student belongings.

The committee also discussed moving the start of the school year, especially with a late Labor Day. Malone said that a survey showed that parents were highly in favor of an earlier start date and the teachers' union was supportive.

The committee voted to move the first day of school for the 2020-2021 school year to Aug. 31, 2020.

The committee reviewed changes to the chain of communication and an update on quarter 3 report cards and special education progress reports.

Quarter 4 report cards will include comments on students' participation in remote learning while being fair and equitable. The committee also accepted a \$10,000 donation

from the Ryan School PAC to improve the Ryan courtyard.

Business manager Dave Libby reviewed the school budget recommendations for FY21. The budget represents a 2.03 percent increase from FY20. The district currently intends to proceed with the budget as planned. The committee voted to approve the \$61 million budget.

The committee reviewed statistics about distanced learning from a survey sent out to district parents. Administrators are planning to send out another parent-student survey about remote learning at the end of the year.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2020. Residents wishing to comment may find the call-in number on their screen and on the meeting agenda on the town website. The meeting may be viewed on Comcast channel 22 and Verizon channel 34.

## Three students make Dean's List at University of Vermont

BURLINGTON, VT — To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

- Meghan Canale, of Wilmington.
- Katherine Rogomentsch, of Wilmington.
- Sophie Consorti, of Wilmington.

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## TOWN OF WILMINGTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### Notice of Vegetation Management Control Operations

The Town of Wilmington will be selectively spraying herbicides along roadsides within Town owned Rights of Way, pursuant to 333 CMR 11.05-11.07 Rights of Way Management, as defined in the Town's five-year Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for 2020-2024 and Yearly Operations Plan (YOP) for 2020. This treatment is conducted as a component of an integrated vegetation management program which also utilizes mechanical and natural control techniques to control roadside weeds and invasive vegetation.

Foliar treatments and cut stump applications using herbicides approved for use near sensitive areas will take place between June 1, 2020 and October 21, 2020. The exact time is dependent upon weather conditions and field crew availability. Treatments will be made by Wilmington DPW licensed / certified applicators using the herbicides listed in the Yearly Operations Plan, as referenced on the Wilmington DPW's Tree Division / Vegetation Management website at: [http://wilmingtonma.gov/Pages/WilmingtonMA\\_PublicWorks/tree](http://wilmingtonma.gov/Pages/WilmingtonMA_PublicWorks/tree).

Technical questions related to the treatment program, VMP, or YOP may be directed to DPW Operations Manager Jamie Magaldi at 978-658-4481, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887.



# OPINION



## Letters to the editor

### State moves forward with reopening plan

To the editor,  
With the beginning of the governor's phased reopening, we now enter a stage where we must balance safety and productivity.

Public safety regulations will be done in conjunction between municipalities and the state. These regulations were developed by the Governor's Reopening Board, under Lt. Governor Polito's Chair. Members of the Board include healthcare experts, business and industry leaders, as well as public safety officials.

Retail and pet-services may begin with curbside drop-offs, while construction and office space may open again with skeleton crews. We ask that you assist any employees who live with high-risk individuals by making alternative arrangements.

Businesses will also need to purchase Personal Protective Equipment for all employees, as well as develop and retain on file a detailed protection plan.

(Lists of PPE vendors and models for protection plans can be found at [mass.gov/reopening](https://mass.gov/reopening) for your reference. If you are unable to access the list or the plan, let us know so we can mail one to you.)

We have received inquiries from many businesses who are "blended" models or small specialty shops. As part of the reopening plan, we encourage you to submit your amended operations to us, so we may present the plans to the committee on your behalf. Together we can walk through the best practices proposed by like establishments and what you may and may not be able to implement easily for your specific business location. This allows us to put forward to the committee a pragmatic and personalized plan that addresses any/all safety concerns for your business.

We are in a defining moment of transition in the chronology of this health crisis. By working together we can continue our path towards success. Massachusetts was hit particularly hard via an early outbreak of this virus. Since then, we have learned many valuable lessons. We must not forget those lessons as we march onward and we will not make any of the same mistakes again.

As always, be safe and stay healthy.

State Representative  
David Robertson

### Check for mold when reopening to avoid health issues, problems

The temporary shutdown or reduced operation of a building and reductions in normal water use can create hazards for returning occupants; these hazards can include mold and Legionella.

After a prolonged shutdown, building owners and employers should

ensure that their building does not have mold and that the water system is safe to use to minimize the risk of Legionnaires' disease.

Guidance on how to do this is available from the CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html>.

### Central Mass. Mosquito Control Project personnel in town on several June days

TEWKSBURY —Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project personnel will be in the Tewksbury community to respond to residents' concerns about mosquitoes in the area on June 3, 9, 15, 18, 24, and 30.

All dates are subject to change due to weather conditions, mosquito populations, mosquito virus activity and/or special event spraying. This program will shut down when cool night time temperatures become predominant in the area.

A detailed notice about the spray schedule is posted on the CMMCP phone system after 3:30 p.m. each day, and it is also listed on the website at [www.cmmcp.org/pesticide-information](http://www.cmmcp.org/pesticide-information).

Requests for service may be recorded by calling the CMMCP office at 508-393-3055 between 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday

through Friday or logging onto the website at [www.cmmcp.org](http://www.cmmcp.org). Results of these requests may initiate an application of mosquito insecticides to defined, site-specific areas of town.

These applications will be performed by using truck-mounted equipment staying on paved surfaces.

Per 333CMR13.03(1)(a): "Wide Area Applications of pesticides and mosquito control applications of pesticides approved by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board shall not be made to private property which has been designated for exclusion from such application by a person living on or legally in control of said property."

For more information, please check [www.cmmcp.org/pesticide-information/pages/pesticide-exclusion](http://www.cmmcp.org/pesticide-information/pages/pesticide-exclusion).

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## Happy Memorial Day to all our veterans

By PAUL J. ANDREWS

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### Furloughs

While many folks this weekend traveled over the Cape Cod bridges, certainly not as many as usual, I found it stunning to read that Cape Cod Healthcare gave furloughs to more than 600 staff members. This is huge as the Cape has two hospitals with one in Hyannis and the second much smaller Falmouth Hospital.

I don't need to tell you how busy it is at both sites but Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis has the vast majority of cases and covers all the way to Provincetown.

Fully understanding that this pandemic has fiscally struck all local hospitals near us as well and also suggesting you consider a donation to the hospital of your choice, the fact that Cape Cod Healthcare has furloughed 600 staff is huge and sad.

Again this pandemic has hit our local hospitals right here, so please consider making a donation if you are able to the hospital of your choice.

### JUST A NOTE

My thanks for your comments and e-mails for last week's column and here are some Morning Pulse

extractions to reflect on around this past Memorial Day weekend including the following: Aging advocates caution about re-opening too quickly; Diesel exhaust can increase your risk of developing Parkinson's disease; China's new outbreak shows signs the virus could be changing; US workers have lost \$1.3 trillion because of COVID-19; Unemployment is hitting the low-income households the most; Study finds daily walking to be a key component in living a longer life; Moderna targets vaccine approval by year's end as reopening continues (Eds. note — told this weekend that it will not be ready until spring by a person who should know); Coronavirus testing program praised by Bill Gates but suspended by FDA; Your pension plan should not be your only retirement plan; Pandemic raises new cybersecurity concerns for Navy; Employers are beefing up financial wellness programs; Work from home productivity pick-up has tech CEO's predicting many employees will never come back to the office; Food prices surge to biggest jump since 1974; and Iceland is the perfect coronavirus refuge.

Feel free to contact me at [andrews@massupt.org](mailto:andrews@massupt.org)

### State Fire Marshal urges springing into summer safely

"The Memorial Day barbecue may be smaller this year," said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey, "but we still need to practice safe grilling as we celebrate the unofficial start of the summer season. Take a few minutes for a safety check and inspect grills for leaks and cracks, and teach children to stay three feet away from any grill in use. Follow the governor's guidelines for social distancing and have a safe Memorial Day."

#### Grill Fire Facts

In 2019, there were 81 fire and explosion incidents reported to the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System (MFIRS) involving open fired grills. These incidents caused five civilian injuries, one fire service injury and an estimated dollar loss of \$1.4 million.

Of the 81 grill fires, 71, or 88 percent, were gas grills. Solid fuels such as charcoal briquettes were involved in eight, or 10 percent of these fires.

On Sept. 11, 2019, at 11:21 p.m., the Canton Fire Department was called to a fire in a single-family home. A gas grill on the rear deck of the house started the fire. Alarms were present and alerted the occupants; there were no injuries. The building had no fire sprinklers and damages from the blaze were estimated to be \$1.15 million.

#### Check for Leaks

"Check to make sure all the connections are tight and secure before firing up the gas grill for the first time this season," said Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "Using a brush, apply a soapy solution made of one part dish liquid and one part water to the tank connection. If the solution bubbles, you have a leak that needs repair."

He recommended checking for and replacing any cracked hoses.

#### Rules for Grills on Porches, Decks and Patios

"Grills can only be used on first floor porches, decks, or patios if there is an outdoor stairway to the

ground, or the porch is at ground level. Grills are prohibited on any porch, balcony or deck that has a roof, or overhang," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey.

For more information, contact your local fire prevention office.

#### Safety First

Over the past five years (2015-2019), there were 449 fires involving grills, hibachis and barbecues. These fires caused 20 civilian injuries, five firefighter injuries and \$3.8 million in estimated property damages.

- Read and follow the owner's manual for any cooking appliance.

- Always grill outdoors.
- Keep children and pets three feet away from the grill area. Create a circle of safety.

- Place grills 10-feet away from the house. Make sure they are not under eaves, overhanging branches or against the side of the building. Keep them away from deck railings.

- Grills can be used on open (no roof) first floor porches, decks or patios if there is an exterior stairway to the ground, or it is at ground level.

- Grills should never be used indoors or on fire escapes.

- Never leave a grill burning unattended.

- Keep the grill clean by removing grease or fat build-up from the grills and trays below the grill.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

- If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait 15 minutes before relighting.
- Never use gasoline on any grill!

#### Shut Off the Gas at the Tank

After each use, and before disconnecting the propane tank, be sure to shut off the gas at the tank.

Charcoal Grill Safety  
State Fire Marshal Ostroskey also said, "Practice safety around charcoal grills."

Once the coals have been lit, never add lighter fluid to the fire — flames may travel up the stream of lighter fluid resulting in serious burns. Charcoal briquettes give off carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that can be deadly.

"Make sure to always use charcoal grills outside in a well-ventilated area."

He added, "Let the coals cool completely before disposing in a metal container."

Charcoal grills cannot be used on decks, balconies, or fire escape stairways.

#### Smoking Fire Safety

There have been so many fires this spring from improperly discarded smoking materials on porches and in backyards. These fires can smolder undetected for a long time and when they erupt into flames, travel fast. If you smoke, put it out all the way, every time. Extinguish smoking materials in a can with sand or water, not in the mulch, leaves grass, a potted plant or other container that can catch fire. Don't snub them out on the porch railing or stairs.

On May 9, 2020, one

woman was hospitalized with burns suffered escaping a fire in her 2-family home. The improper disposal of smoking materials ignited the porch fire.

A 58-year old woman died in a May 4, 2020 fire in her home in Hanson when improperly discarded smoking materials ignited a fire on the porch of the 1-family home.

#### Gasoline and Lawn Mowers

Ostroskey said, "If your older children are learning to mow the lawn, be sure to teach them about gasoline safety at the same time."

Gasoline vapors are highly flammable. They stay on your clothing and can ignite if you light a match.

- Store gasoline only in approved containers, outside.

- Keep gasoline away from all heat sources, such as smoking materials, pilot lights, campfires, and grills.

- Fill a cooled lawn mower. Never refill while it is hot.

- Keep hands and feet away from a mower while it's running.

- Never use gasoline to start a campfire.

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# OBITUARIES

## Judith A. 'Judy' (Green) Tully

*Taught at Wilmington High and Bunker Hill*

Judith A. "Judy" (Green) Tully, age 78, of Wilmington, formerly of Malden, passed away peacefully at home on May 21, 2020, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Judy was born on July 8, 1941 in Malden; she was the dear daughter of the late John and Mary Eleanor Green. She was raised and educated in Malden and was a graduate of Malden Girls Catholic High School.

Judy went on to further her education earning a Bachelor's Degree in early education from Boston State College and a Master's Degree in education from Salem State University.

At the time of her death, Judy, was working on her Doctorate.

Judy went to work as a teacher; she enjoyed her students and her teaching career that spanned decades. Education and culturing young minds was very important to Judy; she first taught at Wilmington High School before accepting a position as a Professor of Mathematics at Bunker Hill Community College in Charlestown where she taught for more than 30 years.

Judy had a great personality and made many lifelong friends with her colleagues as well as her students.

Judy married Gerald "Jerry" Tully on June 27, 1964; the couple settled in Wilmington where they raised five children. Judy was a very devoted mother and grandmother who was always attending countless school and sporting events.

Judy also had an "open door" policy at her home and you could always find her children's friends or neighborhood kids at her

kitchen table while she tutored them in various subjects.

Judy was a woman of great faith and very active at St. Thomas of Villanova Church; for many years Judy ran the CCD program and was a classroom teacher. Following the merging of St. Thomas and St. Dorothy's Churches, Judy, became a regular communicant of the 7:30 Sunday morning Mass.

In her spare time Judy looked forward to the summers spent at the family home on Lake Winnesquam with her family and friends. She also enjoyed becoming a "snow bird" with her husband Jerry as they headed to Florida to get out of the New England winters.

Judy and Jerry were active at the Wilmington Library and could often be spotted helping out at the book store.

Following the death of her husband, Judy loved going out and spending time with her friends, her dinners out with her neighbors and taking trips with the Senior Center. One of her more memorable trips happened last fall when she along with others survived the "Douglas boat incident," a trip they would never forget.

Judy with be remembered for her unconditional love for her family and friends, her passion for teaching and the kindness she always showed to others. She was a quiet and gentle lady with a huge heart and a great smile. Judy will forever be missed by all who loved her.

Judy was the beloved wife of the late Gerald F. "Jerry" Tully, devoted mother of Karen Richardson of Tewksbury, Brian Tully and his fiancée Lindsey Caron of York, ME, John



Tully of Wilmington, Mark Tully and his wife Nancy of Foxboro and Maura Puleo and her husband Robert of Chesterfield, VA.

Loving "Nana" of Bradley, Janine, Jason, Daniel, Logan, Conor, Riley, Megan, Amanda, Katelyn, Brendan, Kevin, Matthew, Emily, Grace, and Caroline.

Cherished daughter of the late John P. II and Mary Eleanor (Cahill) Green, dear sister of Edward Green and his wife Eugenia of Wakefield and the late Jack Green, sister-in-law of Rev. Eugene Tully of Wilmington. Judy is also survived by her niece Tanya Green as well as many dear friends and neighbors.

Due to the current situation with the coronavirus and for everyone's safety, the Tully family has decided to have a private service at this time. A memorial Mass to honor Judy will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Judy's memory may be made to the Sophia Gordon Cancer Center, Lahey Clinic Medical Center, 41 Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01805.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington, MA.

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## Idle businesses should flush the pipes

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A notice issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on May 21 urged businesses to flush their plumbing in order to mitigate the hazards of mold and Legionella bacteria in the pipes.

According to the notice from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, "The temporary shutdown or reduced operation of a building and reductions in normal water use can create hazards for returning occupants; these hazards can include mold and Legionella. After a prolonged shutdown, building owners and employers should ensure that their building does not have mold and that the water system is safe to use to minimize the risk of Legionnaires' disease. Guidance on how to do this is available from the CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html>."

According to Mass.gov, Legionnaire's disease was named for the 1976 American Legion convention in Philadelphia where a large outbreak occurred and the bacteria was identified. Many attendees to the convention died a short time after the convention from complications arising from a severe inflammatory lung condition.

Legionnaires is a pneumonia caused by Legionella bacteria. The bacteria is spread in water mist and the bacteria are found normally in many places in the environment. Outbreaks have been connected to contaminated air-conditioning cooling towers, but NOT window air conditioners.

The bacteria also have been found in hot and cold-water taps, showers, whirlpool baths, creeks, ponds and wet soil. Recent outbreaks of note include Flint, Michigan.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is encouraging all businesses and buildings that have been fully or partially shut down during the pandemic to flush their plumbing thoroughly. The bacteria is carried in the mist so transmission is typically via shower or faucet, and is not spread person to person. Symptoms are similar to the flu and other pneumonia-related illnesses. Populations with underlying health conditions are at increased vulnerability.

The state is informing businesses, schools and houses of worship that

this health hazard is a potential concern lurking in their water systems. For mold, water sitting in the pipes for weeks or months, as during the shutdown, can create hazardous health situations.

Routine HVAC maintenance should also be conducted for those systems that were not running during the shutdown, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). Businesses that may have been closed or operating at reduced capacity include hotels, pools, spas, houses of worship, schools, gyms, museums and myriad other businesses large and small.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have issued guidance about maintaining and/or restoring water quality during the coronavirus shut down.

In Tewksbury, despite public buildings being closed to the general population, routine maintenance has continued.

Scott Brinch, Assistant Director of Utilities said, "In terms of water treatment and distribution, we are always monitoring water quality and chlorine residual in our distribution system. Our operators are always making sure water is moving throughout the system, in and out of tanks etc. in order to prevent stagnation. The chlorine residual is what protects the water from microbial growth when it has been treated and sent out to the mains and tanks."

Brinch went on to say, "We are entering a time of year where people are using more water; for pools, lawn irrigation, yard work, etc. and this

actually helps keep the water in the system fresh as it is constantly being flushed. We have different testing sites, both commercial and residential, throughout town in different areas that we sample regularly in order to make sure the water is safe."

With regard to private buildings, Brinch said, "it is very important that folks are flushing their systems if they have been idle for a while during the shutdowns, particularly if they are using that water for drinking of any kind of food preparation."

The town is communicating to businesses and residents through social media and local press.

Brinch also wanted to recognize the hard work of the water treatment employees in Tewksbury.

"Our treatment employees have been fantastic through this, they have not missed a single sample and we never fell out of compliance. And it hasn't been easy with places shut down, closed, and businesses and residents iffy about letting people in to their buildings. I really have to give our plant employees a lot of credit," said Brinch.

For more information, visit <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/legionellosis-legionnaires-disease>

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## Joseph F. 'Joe' Warren

*Served during WWII and Korean War*

Joseph F. "Joe" Warren, age 92, of Wilmington, passed away on May 21, 2020.

Joe was born on Dec. 3, 1927, at home on Faywood Avenue in East Boston. He was the dear son of the late Samuel and Winifred Warren.

Joe was raised in East Boston and was a graduate of Boston Tech High School where he was known as "Jet Joe," Tech High's fastest human" for his running ability and being the fastest sprinter on the track team.

Following graduation, Joe was drafted into the United States Army during World War II. He received the World War II Victory Medal. Following nearly a year of active duty, Joe, was as honorably discharged and returned home to his family in East Boston.

Joe went on to further his education at Boston College and became a life-long Eagles Fan. Joe earned a bachelor's degree in Economics and graduated in 1950.

Joe's alma mater became one of his favorite passions and he attended countless Eagles sporting events, especially football for many years. He also obtained a master's degree in Education from Boston State Teachers College on the GI Bill.

Joe was recalled to the United States Army during the Korean conflict. He served from 1951-1957 at home as well as overseas. Joe earned the rank of Technical Sergeant First Class as well as the National Defense Medal and the Good Conduct Medal with two loops.

Again, Joe was honorably discharged following his service to the country.

In 1959, Joe married Catherine

therine Younie; the couple shared more than 61 years together and raised five children. Joe and Cathie settled in Wilmington and quickly became part of a "tight knit" and friendly neighborhood.

Joe enjoyed his home and was very meticulous with his lawn. Joe and Cathie looked forward to their annual two-week family vacation that they took for over 50 years at the Days Cottages in North Truro on Cape Cod. Joe and Cathie had lots of friends and neighbors that they considered extended family.

Joe worked hard to provide for his family and took his job very seriously. For over 17 years he was employed as an industrial security specialist for the United States Government's Department of Defense.

Prior to his time with the Dept. of Defense, he enjoyed working for Itel. Joe retired over 28 years ago and he along with his wife Cathie made the most of their retirement by spending lots of time with their family and friends. They also looked forward to traveling, taking cruises.

Joe was known to be a sports fanatic. He enjoyed following all the Boston sports teams. He occasionally took in a round of golf and enjoyed watching various golf tournaments on television.

Joe will be remembered as a "good guy," friendly, kind, good sense of humor and always willing to help his family and friends. He was a regular at the annual "Brookside Nursery School" graduations where he helped out and had a great time with the kids and their families. Joe is dearly loved by his family and friends. He leaves a solid legacy but his absence will be notable and he will be missed by all.



Joe was the beloved husband of 61 years to Catherine J. (Younie) Warren, devoted father of Mark Warren and his wife Margaret of Medford, Kenneth Warren and his wife Cristina and Robert Warren and his wife Wendy all of Wilmington, David Warren and his companion Linda Topjian of Billerica and Christine Kelsall of Bedford, NH.

Loving "Grampy" of Christopher, Kimberly and her husband Mike, Benjamin, Abigail, Joseph, Peter, Julia, Rachel, Frank, K.C., Elizabeth, Melissa and her companion Dylan, Daniel, Jessie, Nathan and great-grandchildren Annalise, Bryer and Philip "Pip."

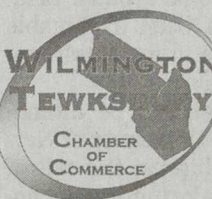
Dear son of the late Samuel and Winifred (Freeman) Warren, brother of the late Richard Warren.

Family and friends will gather for a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, on Monday, June 1 at 10 a.m. Interment with Military Honors will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joseph's memory may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington, MA.

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## A closer look: Supporting students with special needs at home during the COVID-19 pandemic

By **LEAH KAUFMAN**  
and **MARJA RUDERMAN**  
May Institute

Many companies are providing online learning opportunities to support students at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, but navigating through all the different resources may be overwhelming. We have found the sites listed below to be the most relevant and comprehensive supports for families during this difficult time:

- <https://www.autism-peaks.org/covid-19-information-and-resources>

- <https://www.autism-society.org/covid-19/>

- <https://afirm.fpg.unc.edu/supporting-individuals-autism-through-uncertain-times>

Here are some general tips to help support an enriching environment at home:

Establish and maintain a daily routine. Encourage individuals to help out at home by completing any appropriate household tasks (matching socks,

sweeping the floor, wiping tables)

- <https://autismawarenesscentre.com/household-chores-share-special-needs-child-grandchild/>

Stay connected. Utilize technology to plan phone/video calls with relatives and friends. Use social stories to describe difficult concepts.

- <https://www.autism-peaks.org/sites/default/files/how-to-use-personalized-stories.pdf>

Stay active. Go for a walk at least once a day. Talk about what you see while on your walk (bring paper to draw different animals or flowers). Practice some yoga moves or play freeze dance.

- <https://www.gonoodle.com/good-energy-at-home-kids-games-and-videos/>

- <https://www.cosmickids.com/category/watch/>

Prepare simple snacks or meals together. Snacks such as trail mix and yogurt parfaits are easy recipes to follow.

- [https://spoonuniversi-](https://spoonuniversi-ty.com/lifestyle/trail-mix-recipes-diy)

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Support communication by providing choices throughout the day. Create a daily schedule together, give options for foods/activities, allow different choices for breaks.

Be OK with getting messy and having fun! Create sensory bottles together, play hide and seek with toys in a pile of shaving cream, and play with homemade bubbles.

- <https://www.learning4kids.net/list-of-sensory-play-ideas/>

Do you provide care to an individual with complex communication needs? Providing visual supports as much as possible will allow anyone the opportunity to be an active participant in their new daily routine. Free communication applications such as CoughDrop and Sono Flex Lite (free, and available on both Android and Apple platforms) provide visual icons that can help individuals who are nonverbal to communicate their feelings and

daily needs.

Regardless of how you fill your day, your continued love, care and support is what matters most!

Leah Kaufman OTD, OTR/L, is an occupational therapist; Marja Ruderman M.S., CCC-SLP, is a Speech Language Pathologist.

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## Wilmington Sons of Italy to award three scholarships

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Sons of Italy Lodge #2183 will be awarding three scholarships to undergraduate students this year all of whom reside in Wilmington.

During these unprecedented times, students who are graduating from high school have missed out on all the traditions that they have waited 12 years to enjoy, from senior trips, scholarship and sporting banquets, playing that last varsity game, to walking across the stage to receive their diploma.

As much as it should be an extremely happy time for them and their parents, it is also a time of uncertainty and sadness. The hope is that they can look forward to the future, begin new adventures, and start a new phase in their lives. They have all become stronger individuals and this will make them unstoppable in the future.

Congratulations!

Christian Bolanos, graduating from Wilmington High School, is being awarded the Laura Cairra Award. He is an Honor Roll student and a member of the National Honor Society, receiving an Academic Achievement Award in Health Dynamics. Christian volun-

teered at many events and organizations, including teaching CCD, tutoring 5th grade math, and helping at the Rotary auction and road races in town.

He is also a member of the Lamplighters Drama Guild, Rotary Interact Board, and was president of Jr. WOW and vice-president of the Animation Club. Christian received his Eagle Scout award, this being the highest achievement in the Boy Scouts of America.

Christian was described by his principal as "a kind and gentle person who represents all that is good. Christian is a superior, well-rounded candidate with a strong record of achievement, both in and out of the classroom."

He will be attending St. Anselm College this fall majoring in Forensics Science.

Bridget O'Shea, graduating from Wilmington High School, is receiving the Christopher S. DiCecca Memorial Award. Bridget is an avid hockey player, having played on the Wilmington girls' varsity hockey team for four years, this year being an alternate/assistant captain, helping her team make it to the state championships.

She has also played

high school lacrosse for three years (unfortunately they were unable to play this year making it her 4th year) and volleyball as a freshman and sophomore.

Bridget's love for children is evident with her volunteering at Tiny Tots since 9th grade, as well as nannying for a local family and working at the CARES program.

One of Bridget's teachers described her as "a respectful young woman who desires to grow as a student. She is an intellectually curious and honest young woman who is fun to be around. Bridget has been a valuable addition to my classroom each day."

Bridget will be attending the University of New Hampshire in the fall of 2020 majoring in Psychology.

Jessica Stevens, graduating second in her class from Shawsheen Valley Technical High School, is receiving the Bob and Peg Dicey Award. Jessica has received many awards throughout her high school years, including outstanding senior of the year, gold medalist at Skills USA 2019, and placing 4th in the country at the Certipoint National Competition for Microsoft Word 2013.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. She has played high school basketball and softball for four years, cross country for two years and was voted varsity softball captain 2020.

She was a member of the Wilmington Sons of Italy Jr. Lodge upon its inception and volunteered at the Wilmington Figure Skating Club, Lucy's Love Bus, Special Olympics, and Boston Children's Hospital through Shawsheen Tech.

Jessica's guidance counselor described her as a "young woman who is gifted in many areas, and yet her humble and modest demeanor has surprised me. Jessica is gifted academically, yet she is so much more. This young woman is one of the best our school has ever seen."

Jessica will be attending University of Massachusetts - Lowell majoring in Business Administration this fall.

The Wilmington Sons of Italy would like to extend congratulations to all graduating seniors of 2020. We wish them a successful and bright future and know that they will make the best of anything that is sent their way!

### Outbreak! 2020

## Public health program for teens goes online

TEWKSBURY — The Public Health Museum in Tewksbury announced the dates for its annual Outbreak! summer public health program. Running Aug. 10-21, the program will move online this year with a digital format.

"We are excited to be able to make the program available for students in this engaging and interactive way," said Nandini Roy Tayebali, MPH.

Rising high school juniors and seniors interested in a career in public health will find the sessions informative and convenient. The schedule offers a variety of workshops over two weeks and includes live Q&A with public health professionals, virtual tours, breakout rooms, flipped classroom sessions and incredible networking

opportunities.

Students are introduced to topics such as medical and bio-ethics, epidemiology, nursing, the role of family health centers in communities, occupational health and more.

In addition, students will work with alumni peer mentors to create blog posts and PSAs. "The role of public health in our world has never been more important," said Dr. Kathie Domoto, president of the Public Health Museum, "and we can't wait to welcome the next generation of public health professionals."

Register today at [www.publichealthmuseum.org](http://www.publichealthmuseum.org). Registration closes June 30. The program is free of charge but a commitment is expected.

Questions? [outbreak@publichealthmuseum.org](mailto:outbreak@publichealthmuseum.org)



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WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Police Department is one of 130 local nonprofits to receive grants of \$100,000 to \$500,000 each through Cummings Foundation's \$20 Million Grant Program. The Department was chosen from a total of 738 applicants during a competitive review process.

The Wilmington Police Department was among a limited group of recipients to receive a 10-year sustaining grant totaling \$300,000.

"We are beyond excited to receive this honor," stated Chief Joseph Desmond. "State Funds for community policing are very limited these days. This grant is going to not only allow us to continue some of our community based programs, but will enable us to develop new programs."

Grant monies will be used to not only to help fund existing community-based programs such as National Night Out, the Citizen Police Academy, Citizen CPR Class, and the RAD Women's Self Defense Program, but to help develop new programs, as well.

"We are looking to build relationships with both our senior citizen population and our younger citizens," said Deputy Chief Brian Pupa. "Last year we held our first 'Mental Health First Aid for Seniors' class and by all accounts it was a success. We want to expand the program to have crime-prevention programs as well as social events to generate a relationship between our officers and the senior residents of our community."

Deputy Chief Pupa went on to say, "This grant will also allow us to continue develop our Police Explorer program which was launched last fall. We had 18 young adults between the ages of 14-20 join the

## Wilmington Police Department awarded 10-year \$300,000 sustaining Cummings Grant



(Courtesy photo)

Police Explorers last September as a way to learn about a career in policing and as an opportunity to serve the community. We are looking forward to growing the program once the current health crisis subsides."

The Cummings \$20 Million Grant Program supports Massachusetts nonprofits that are based in and primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties. Through this place-based initiative, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the area where it owns commercial buildings, all of which are managed, at no cost to the Foundation, by its affili-

ate, Cummings Properties.

Founded in 1970 by Bill Cummings, the Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages 10 million square feet of debt-free space, the majority of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

"We have been impressed, but not surprised, by the myriad ways in which these 130 grant winners are serving their communities, despite the challenges presented by COVID-19," said Joel Swets, Cummings Foundation's executive director. "Their ability to adapt and work with their constituents in

new and meaningful ways has an enormous impact in the communities where our colleagues and leasing clients live and work."

Cummings Foundation has now awarded more than \$280 million to greater Boston nonprofits.

Social distancing requirements will prevent Foundation and grant winner representatives from convening for a reception at TradeCenter 128 in Woburn, as planned, to celebrate the \$20 million infusion into greater Boston's nonprofit sector. Instead, Cummings Foundation expects hundreds of individuals to gather virtually for a modified celebration in

mid-June.

The Cummings \$20 Million Grant Program resulted from a merger of the Foundation's two flagship grant programs, \$100K for 100 and Sustaining Grants.

The Foundation and its volunteers first identified 130 organizations to receive grants of at least \$100,000 each. Among the winners are first-time recipients as well as nonprofits that have previously received Cummings Foundation grants. A limited number of this latter group of repeat recipients will be invited to make in-person presentations in the fall, when public

health related circumstances allow, proposing that their grants be elevated to long-term awards. Thirty such requests will be granted in the form of 10-year awards ranging from \$200,000 to \$500,000 each.

This year's diverse group of grant recipients represents a wide variety of causes, including homelessness prevention, affordable housing, education, violence prevention, and food insecurity. The nonprofits are spread across 40 different cities and towns, and most will receive their grants over two to five years.

The complete list of 130 grant winners is available at [www.CummingsFoundation.org](http://www.CummingsFoundation.org).

A great deal more information about Cummings Foundation is detailed in Bill Cummings' self-written business book, "Starting Small and Making It Big: Hands-On Lessons in Entrepreneurship and Philanthropy." The brand-new, and significantly updated, 6th edition is available on Amazon or [cummings.com/book](http://cummings.com/book).

### About Cummings Foundation

Woburn-based Cummings Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986 by Joyce and Bill Cummings. The Foundation directly operates its own charitable subsidiaries, including New Horizons retirement communities in Marlborough and Woburn, and Veterinary School at Tufts, LLC in North Grafton. Additional information is available at [www.CummingsFoundation.org](http://www.CummingsFoundation.org).

## WCTV welcomes Ryan Malyar as new executive director

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Community Television Board of Directors recently unanimously appointed Ryan Malyar as WCTV's next Executive Director. Chosen from more than 40 applicants, Malyar is a familiar face to the WCTV family and greater Wilmington community, serving as the station's Youth & Content Coordinator for the past 15 months.

Malyar's love of community access and the television industry blossomed during his childhood, appearing on a program called "Kids Korner" on Piscataway Community Television in New Jersey.

"Our director, Dawne Rodalio Dioniso, was beyond incredible," recalled Mal-

yar. "She had high expectations of us 'Kids' and made the TV studio a place where we felt like professional actors but also had a lot of fun. I strive to bring the same welcoming attitude and spirit of creativity to WCTV. Our current Youth Program is incredible, and I look forward to fostering its continued growth."

Malyar's other big passion has always been theatre. After attending The Boston Conservatory for Musical Theatre, he spent many years performing. He played Santa in The Radio City Christmas Spectacular, toured Japan as a singer with The Orchestra Japan, and even did a puppet show at Sydney Opera House.

"I still enjoy doing theatre in Massachusetts when the opportunity is right," Malyar said. "I also love directing and coaching the talent at WCTV. I have a knack for making people feel more comfortable on camera."

Malyar's love of theatre and video production led him to create his own production company in 2015 focused on filming live concerts and stage productions. In 2018, he was employed at Bedford TV until he was scooped up by WCTV in 2019 to act as Youth & Content Coordinator.

"The appeal of WCTV was tremendous. It's really a beautiful studio — a gem in Wilmington that I hope more people will be

enticed to see and utilize," exclaimed Malyar.

Malyar highlighted Wilmington Community Television's content, such as live coverage of government meetings, sports, and school events, and pledged to continue providing quality programming.

"We have big goals to cover as many events around town as we can, and we are always looking for new volunteers," Malyar added.

Beginning his new role during the COVID-19 pandemic faces its own set of challenges.

"Although our doors have been closed to the public for the past few weeks, we have been very busy inside," noted Malyar. A new program, "Talk of the Town" was launched to highlight the resilience of the Wilmington community and we have produced over 25 episodes using Zoom and Skype. Just because we are social distancing doesn't mean we can't continue to connect. We are also working with Wilmington High to produce a Virtual Graduation Ceremony."



▲ RYAN MALYAR

(Courtesy photo)

"We are forming a plan to open our doors again to the public and I look forward to building new relationships in the community," Malyar continued. "I encourage everyone to follow us on social media. We are very active on Face-

book, Twitter, and even Instagram. We are here to bring awareness to the ideas and decisions that impact Wilmington and to celebrate and capture the events that make this town a unique and wonderful place to call home."

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## Former MBTA cop arraigned

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discuss their options."

The statement from her office also includes the phone number for the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center's 24-hour hotline, 800-841-8371, and a website for survivors of sexual violence to search for services available to

them at [www.janedoe.org/find\\_help/search](http://www.janedoe.org/find_help/search).

After arraignment for the three charges made by the Commonwealth against him by Suffolk Superior Court Judge Michael D. Ricciuti remotely on May 21, McCarthy was released on the conditions that there be no contact with

the victims or other witnesses and no travel outside of the state without permission. The case is set to return to court on Aug. 10, 2020. McCarthy is represented by Attorney Terrence Kennedy and the DA's Victim-Witness Advocate assigned is Anne Kelley-McCarthy.

## How to evaluate during a pandemic

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(MASC) how best to roll over goals into the following year, while still maintaining standards for the current year's evaluation.

Committee member M.J. Byrnes added that

there was a mechanism for committee members to expand upon the unique circumstance in the existing evaluation process.

"There is a summative general comment area on these evaluations, where one could really

elaborate as much as one would like to," Byrnes noted.

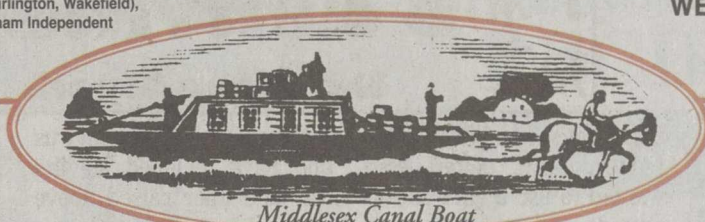
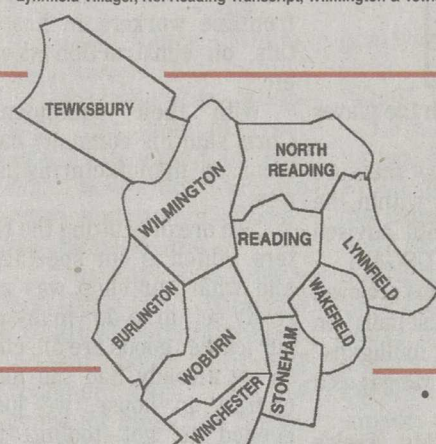
According to Bryson, the subcommittee to discuss the process by which evaluations would be completed and collected would be meeting on Friday, May 15.





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## Reading brothers assist in COVID-19 fight

By RYAN LAROCHE

Two Reading brothers have stepped up to help in the fight against COVID-19 by using their business, originally designed to produce handcrafted leather goods, to now produce Personal Protective Equipment.

Jason and Chris Angelini, who both graduated from Reading Memorial High School (Jason in 2007 and Chris in 2006), started a business several years ago called American Bench Craft (located in Wilmington) with a simple mission: to redesign products people use every day with an emphasis on simplicity. But since the coronavirus pandemic struck, the brothers took on a new challenge: to help create PPE including masks, gloves and face shields.

"We had wanted to get into the fight pretty much since the beginning, but weren't sure how," said Chris Angelini via email last week. "Then a few weeks ago, another New England-based manufacturer, American Roots of Westbrook, ME, asked us if we'd be willing to offer up our supply chain for

additional resources and materials as well as our die-cutting abilities to keep up with their own demand for PPE, which we were all-to-happy to do."

Chris continued, noting how high demand for PPE has become since the crisis started.

"From there it really just snowballed as demand is so high right now and supply is unreliable and inconsistent to say the least. There's also a lot of misinformation going around that we're working to correct regarding manufacturing capabilities, inefficiencies and supply."

The brothers have been able to both produce PPE for those who need it and continue to fill orders for their customers for graduation, Mother's Day and Father's Day because, as Chris noted, their ecommerce store has remained open.

In 2014, the brothers spoke to The Daily Times Chronicle about their new business venture: "Products today just aren't designed to last," Jason Angelini told the paper. "I wanted to recreate some of the products we use every day so that they would

not wear out after a year of use."

With that kind of business model, to make products that last, the brothers have the formula to create the right kind of PPE from which those on the front line can really benefit. A mask that falls apart or can't be worn again, gloves that rip or tear or face shields that break down don't help anybody protect themselves from the virus.

Of course, the coronavirus impacted the Angelini's business in similar ways most people have suffered: they lost 30 percent of their business. Fortunately for the RMHS graduates, being an ecommerce store, they didn't have to close storefronts or lay off employees.

The two brothers realized they could hang in there, keep producing for their customers and they would survive until the pandemic ended and things returned, somewhat, to normalcy. Instead, they heard the call from their friends Ben and Whitney Waxman who co-founded American Roots in Maine and began producing necessary equipment.



READING'S CHRIS AND JASON ANGELINI have converted their leather crafting business into a PPE making business to help in the fight against the coronavirus. The brothers are still able to produce leather goods for their customers.

"Demand for PPE is still high," Chris said, "and it's our hope that between the PPE, practicing social distancing and other health and safety measures people can participate in every day, we'll be able to get this pandemic under control shortly and return to doing what we've always been doing: manufacturing heavy duty and amazing quality leather goods, gear, gifts and accessories."

No one knows exactly when things can return to "normal" or what that will even look like. Therefore, it's hard to say exactly when the brothers can get back to focusing on making quality leather goods. Until then, they'll continue to mass produce needed PPE while also maintaining social distancing and keeping their em-

ployees safe.

"We gave everyone the option of working from home, and if not possible, taking time off from the start of the pandemic if they felt unsafe, that they were vulnerable or someone close to them may be especially vulnerable from the symptoms caused by COVID-19," Chris stated.

He added how "over the past couple months, just about everyone has been gradually coming back to work, as long as they don't mind wearing face masks, gloves, etc. to ensure safety. We've also staggered hours/shifts and we're super fortunate that we have an exceptionally large space (almost 4,000 sf) and there are only a handful of us or fewer ever working at the same time, so it's been fairly easy for us to practice social dis-

tancing while at work, compared to other companies which have much tighter quarters."

This, of course, helps the brothers continue making equipment, such as masks, which Chris said are "non-medical grade and can be used by anyone/everyone to help reduce the spread of the virus."

Governor Charlie Baker has mandated everyone must wear a mask/face covering when out in public and not able to stay six feet apart. Most businesses have a similar mandate, especially grocery stores such as Market Basket and Stop & Shop.

"This will be especially important as people return to work or interact closely with one another again," Chris

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## Movie Reviews & Box Office News

A night gone very wrong in 'The Lovebirds'

By LINDSEY BAHR  
AP Film Writer

"The Lovebirds" stars Issa Rae and Kumail Nanjiani are two of the most exciting voices working in film and television today, as actors, writers and creators. Rae's "Insecure" and Nanjiani's "The Big Sick" are both vibrant, stimulating and fresh and rooted deeply in the diversity of their own experiences. So it's at least notable that this film, a dark, night-goes-wrong comedy that seems very much in each of their wheelhouses, was not created or written by either. And at times, you kind of wish it had been.

As it is, "The Lovebirds" feels a little too familiar and a little too safe, like all the edges have been smoothed out. Perhaps that's because it was originally a studio film that was supposed to open in theaters nationwide. But the shutdown changed the course of things and now all you need is a Netflix account to see it opening day. And it's a fine movie



LOVEY DOVEY - This image shows Issa Rae as Leilani, left, and Kumail Nanjiani as Jibran in a scene from the newly released romantic comedy "The Lovebirds." (Netflix via AP)

to spend 86 minutes watching from the comfort of your own home. There are some amusing twists, turns and wardrobe changes as the night gets weirder and more dangerous for this ordinary couple who thought they were just headed to a dinner party.

Directed by Michael Showalter (who also was behind the camera for "The Big Sick"), "The Lovebirds" starts out like a rom-com — a one night stand turns into an all-day hang for Jibran (Nanjiani) and Leilani (Issa Rae) as they futilely try to resist the connection. But cut to four years later and all the lovey-dovey excitement of that first day has turned into bickering and resentment. The way this particular fight spirals out of control, from light jabbing to full-on insults, is almost uncomfortably relatable and precise for a comedy this broad. It's no wonder they break up on the drive to their friend's party.

But that turns out to be the least of their problems when a collision with a biker (who dies, but not because of them) sets off a series of increasingly odd events. They flee the scene after a pair of obnoxious hipsters starts assuming things about why they're standing over the body of a dead man and continue making poor decisions (including Leilani keeping her sky-high stilettos on for almost half the movie). In an attempt to clear their names, they accidentally get wrapped up in a bizarre New Orleans underworld of murderous henchmen, a sadistic politician's wife and some unlucky frat guys. It's a little bit "After Hours" meets "Game Night" with a dash of "Eyes Wide Shut" — but that might be overselling it.

Their hijinks are all a bit too random to fully get on board with the journey, and if you stop for a moment to actually think about what is happening and why, the whole thing might just unravel before you. Rae and Nanjiani make the ride fun enough with their easy chemistry and silly, wide-eyed panic at everything they're witnessing. Still, "The Lovebirds" lacks the singularity of its stars' other noteworthy roles.

You could do a lot worse for a Friday night watch, though and will surely get a few chuckles out of it. And don't worry, Leilani does find a pair of sneakers eventually.

"The Lovebirds," a Netflix release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "for sexual content, language throughout and some violence." Running time: 86 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

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MIAA keeping busy with alignments; Volleyball change could be big

The MIAA has been holding meetings of late and voted on several changes for the upcoming seasons for various sports. The new state-wide tournament takes effect in the 2021-22 school year.

This means:

1) The sectional tournament format will be removed and teams will be placed in divisions established statewide.

2) The top 32 teams will qualify for tournament play based on Power Rankings. Teams that achieve a regular season record above .500, but are outside the top 32, will also qualify for the postseason.

3) Teams will be seeded by a power ranking system conducted by MaxPreps, starting in the fall of 2020 for football.

Football will remain with eight divisions, while both basketball, baseball and volleyball will spread out to five divisions state-wide, all starting in the 2021-22 season.

Another possible change in volleyball could also happen. On May 28, a representative from the Volleyball Committee will attend the Blue Ribbon Committee to give a presentation for the

proposed rule change that would allow boys to play in the front row during game play, thus being able to spike the volleyball as a member of the girls team.

Winchester Hall of Fame also pushed back to September

The Winchester Sports Foundation Hall of Fame, established in 1993 to recognize past athletes from Winchester High School, has its annual Hall of Fame dinner at the Burlington Marriott each May for that year's Hall of Fame inductees.

This year's ceremony, however, has been pushed back until Wednesday, Sept. 30 due to the pandemic.

This year's inductees are: John Doherty (Class of 1966) basketball, track, football

Martha Doherty North (1982) field hockey, basketball, tennis

Sean Donlon (1990) football, lacrosse

Megan Sullivan (2008) soccer, ice hockey, lacrosse

1997 and 1998 girls soccer championship teams

Any questions regarding the dinner reservations or to donate, please email Dot Butler at: butlermaild@gmail.com

Golf carts now available for all players

Beginning Monday, May 25, golf carts are now available for anyone who wants to utilize one. It is one player per cart or two family members living in the same house can ride together.

Previously, motorized carts were only for any individual with a disability in compliance with the Ameri-

cans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Any golfer who wanted to use a cart had to provide documentation or otherwise certify in writing to the golf course that he or she has a disability that require the use of the cart.

Any cart used must be cleaned and sanitized after each use. The course operator may not use non-essential employees to handle the renting and/or cleaning of the carts.

Typically a handicap parking placard would suffice as documentation of a disability.

Tee-time intervals remain 15 minutes apart in Massachusetts and it is the same in Rhode Island and Vermont. In New Hampshire and Maine it is 12 minutes while in Connecticut it is a 10-minute interval between groups.

Golfers can post scores under modified conditions

From the perspective of the Rules of Handicapping, the most frequent questions received are primarily related to the acceptability of scores for posting to a player's scoring record.

In particular, relating to modifying the hole and not requiring the player to "hole out" as required under the Rules of Golf. These are founded in a desire to minimize the possibility of expos-



## Athletes & Activities

By: Steve Algeri



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added. "The shields are for medical workers and other frontline workers in hospitals, on construction sites, etc."

With their equipment, Chris said his company can focus on manufacturing filters.

"We are die-cutting the filters, which is our specialty and what our shop was already set up to do (many of our leather goods are die-cut, so we already had the machinery in house, we just needed to get tooling to switch to die-cutting PPE, which we were able to get extremely quickly). We are sourcing the raw materials and components for other PPE (shields, gowns, etc.) in a collaborative effort with a bunch of other local, small businesses."

It's this team effort he described that will help Massachusetts get past the crisis. It's also Republicans and Democrats working together in the State House to pass important legislation that allows businesses like American Bench Craft to remain open and able to help.

Because of this, Chris said they're able to "produce hundreds of thousands of filters a week. The supply chain we've helped organize is actually capable of producing thousands of shields, filters, masks, gowns, door openers and more per week, which has been hugely significant."

Chris' and Jason's hard work hasn't gone unnoticed. Neighbor and friend of the family, Brenda Norton, said, "I could write a book about this family."

She added, "When they were young kids, they would show up after a snow storm and shovel the walks and driveway having never been asked - when offered payment for their effort they would always refuse saying that their parents just wanted them to be 'Good Neighbors.' They were taught well and they are still being good neighbors only on a bigger scale."

Norton noted how thankful she is to know the brothers "and continue to be a part of their lives. They are the best of the best."

According to Norton, Jason and Chris each have two daughters, a toddler and a "very recent newborn."

While it's clear the desire to help was instilled in the brothers at a young age, it has continued through Jason serving for six years in the Army National Guard in the Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear Defense Unit and both want to assist in the fight against COVID-19.

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## Let's Dance keeps kids dancing during the pandemic

Local dance studio, Let's Dance, Inc. located on Montvale Ave, Stoneham, has gone to great lengths to show their students how much they are loved and supported during the pandemic.

This started with owners, Tracy and Michaela DellaRusso driving to each student's home to drop off "booster bags" full of props for class, fun crafts, activities and stickers! This was such an awesome surprise to all the kids and helped with their online Zoom classes!!

All of LDI's students participated in on line Zoom classes, in addition to virtual scavenger hunts, theme parties, pet parades, Spirit Week, guest teachers and more! "This is a difficult time for for all, especially kids, our

goal was to make this transition fun and motivational".

Let's Dance has 7 graduating seniors, most of which grew up in the studio from age 2! To make their seniors feel special during this difficult time, they hit the road again, going to each home and placing a lawn sign showing the studio's love and support. They also had a social distancing "parking lot get together" presenting each senior with a bouquet of flowers.

Tracy and Michaela with the help of A&T Remodeling, placed a large heart for each student with their names on the outside of their building. The hearts have weathered wind, rain, thunder and lightning and are still hanging proud for all their

students to drive by and take their pictures once they've found their names. They believe it's a sign of how strong their LDI family bond is.

June 14th was supposed to be the studio's recital that has been postponed. The owners have again, stepped up and scheduled a fun-filled, show of support for their families. It is a surprise but one they are sure to remember.

Tracy and Michaela believe in putting their kids first "anything for them!" Is the motto. "We are truly one big family, where everyone knows each others names and truly supports and cares for one another".

"It's not just Dance, it's so much more".



### GARLIC-BASIL TOMATOES WITH MOZZARELLA

#### STEPS

1. Place tomatoes in glass or plastic dish.
2. Shake remaining ingredients except cheese and salad greens in tightly covered container. Pour over tomatoes. Cover and refrigerate at least 3 hours to blend flavors, turning occasionally.
3. Layer cheese alternately with tomatoes on salad greens.

#### EXPERT TIPS

The fresh mozzarella cheese called for in this recipe is a soft white cheese with a mild, delicate flavor. It has a different flavor than regular mozzarella and can be found in Italian markets, cheese shops and some supermarkets.

Tomato and Mozzarella Pitas are as easy as serving this fragrant mixture in pita bread halves.

#### Ingredients

- 4 medium tomatoes, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil leaves or 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 3 drops red pepper sauce
- 2 large garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 8 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, sliced
- Salad greens, if desired



STONEHAM'S LET'S DANCE studio owners dropped off "fun bags" containing props, crafts, and activities to do for their students (left). Lawn signs were designed and delivered to support each of their 2020 graduating seniors (center). Zoom classes held online for over 9 weeks are keeping kids engaged and motivated.

## • Real Estate Transfers •

#### BURLINGTON

4 Cheryl Ave was sold to 4 Cheryl Avenue LLC by Price, Daniel W and Price, John G for for \$450,000 on 05/01/20  
31 Chandler Rd was sold to Goode, Colleen M and Gillespie, Declan by Aguilo, Kerri for \$1,150,000 on 05/11/20  
13 Cormier Rd was sold to Joo, Eun J and Choi, Suhwan by Catalano FT and Donahue, Karen for \$627,500 on 05/08/20

35 Hart St was sold to Shah, Rajesh A and Shah, Rita R by Shah, Rahul and Shah, Neha for \$500,000 on 05/11/20  
13 Knollwood Ct #13 was sold to Diane M Grillo RET and Grillo, Vincent F by Sabbag Essa L Est and Sabbag, Lewis E for \$619,900 on 05/12/20

#### NORTH READING

5 Mashie Way #5 was sold to Flaherty, Christine by Frazier, Dennis J and Frazier, Tracey M for for \$567,000 on 05/01/20  
22 Orchard Dr was sold to Kondilis, Bill P and Kondilis, Karen A by Costa Joan E Est and Garrant, Scott C for for \$558,000 on 04/30/20

32 Haverhill St was sold to Mcnee, Scott and Mcnee, Stephanie by Baxter, Grant W and Baxter, Sharon E for \$585,000 on 05/06/20

Martins Landing Condo #5104 was sold to Dimare, Linda M by Pulte Homes Of New Eng for \$340,000 on 05/06/20

91 Old Andover Rd was sold to Ferguson, Kurt A and Mcinerney, Samantha J by Queliz, Melissa and Queliz, Miguel for \$570,000 on 05/12/20

#### READING

52 Sanborn St #301 was sold to McCarthy, Arthur by Delorenzo FT and Delorenzo, Lisa G for for \$495,000 on 04/30/20

533 Summer Ave #1 was sold to Martin, Nicholas and Tran, Kim X by Greygoose Ventures LLC for for \$600,000 on 04/30/20

605 Summer Ave #2-69 was sold to Murphy, Carlene by Cacciatore, Anne M for for \$359,900 on 05/05/20

26 Whittier Rd was sold to Caponigro, Ronald V and Caponigro, Kathryn A by Toombs, Matthew and Toombs, Courtney for for \$660,000 on 04/30/20

62 Abigail Way #2007 was sold to Fulchini, Salvatore by Lecaroz, Edward R and Lecaroz, Suzanne D for \$399,000 on 05/11/20

61 Ash St was sold to Acevedo-Nguyen, Huyen and Acevedo, Jose by Dwyer, Wayne for \$380,000 on 05/11/20

41 Heather Dr was sold to Joshi, Saumil N and Joshi,

Drashti S by Dutter, Jocelyn R and Dutter, Nicholas L for \$670,000 on 05/08/20

30 Landers Rd was sold to Zaza, Joseph and Zaza, Heidi by Dinapoli Real Estate for \$715,000 on 05/06/20

237 Main St #A4 was sold to Huang, Ziwei by Larosa, Joseph A and Larosa, Pamela J for \$244,000 on 05/06/20

#### STONEHAM

1 Avalon Rd was sold to Coppes, David W and Coppes, Amante G by Dakin, George and Difiore, Jenny C for \$545,000 on 05/11/20

111 Collincote St was sold to Lu, Cheng by Castelmar Properties LLC for \$650,000 on 05/06/20

133 Franklin St #401 was sold to Izzicupo, Richard D and Izzicupo, Linda by Sweetland, Gioia L for \$335,000 on 05/06/20

224 Park St #C15 was sold to Seiger, Terrance and Johnson, Raye A by 224 Park Street C15 RT and Stackpole, Philip C for \$485,000 on 05/12/20

88 Spring St was sold to Columbus, Stephen and Columbus, Susan by Young, John A and Young, Barbara A for \$530,000 on 05/11/20

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33 Pupkis Rd was sold to Masters, Andrew J and Masters, Monica L by Bagarella, Daniel N and Bagarella, Amanda M for for \$499,900 on 04/30/20

123 Rogers St was sold to Dipietro, Peter and Dipietro, Amanda by Smeraldi Mary C Est and Clark, Judith A for for \$435,000 on 04/30/20

25 Tomahawk Dr was sold to Carbone, Michael P by Cholod, Henry D and Cholod, Mary J for for \$470,031 on 05/01/20

411 Whipple Rd was sold to Ohara, Brian and Ohara, Jennifer by Clark, Althea M and Clark, Edward F for for \$355,000 on 04/30/20

17 Appletree Rd was sold to Capuano, Karen by Devlin, David and Devlin, Brenda for \$435,000 on 05/07/20

9 Champion St was sold to Winslow-Olson, Kelly M and Olson, Michael S by Humes Raymond G Est and Humes, Raymond G for \$462,500 on 05/07/20

7 Hinckley Rd was sold to Devlin, David by Doherty FT and Doherty, Michael for \$326,000 on 05/07/20

123 Merrimack Meadows Ln #123 Gangolli, Rahul and Mummigatti, Shashank A by Mcaleer, Jennifer A and Vadala, Toni M for \$322,900 on 05/07/20

#### WAKEFIELD

37 Madison Ave #2 was sold

to Epstein, Rory T and Lynch, Timothy B by Arria, Eric and Ahearn, Michael for for \$645,000 on 05/01/20

19 Murray St was sold to Thomas, Jason R and Bartoli, Kristen M by Pizzi, Christina T for for \$810,000 on 04/30/20

5 Roosevelt Rd was sold to Brackett, Christian and Brackett, Diane by Licata, Stephanie and Fleischman, Gary for for \$905,000 on 04/29/20

27 Sweetser St was sold to Mavis, Kyle R and Mavis, Alina M by Kelly, Lisa G for for \$710,000 on 04/29/20

24 Walton St was sold to Zajac, Stephen J by Brown-Cranfill, Susan for for \$410,000 on 04/29/20

5 Bonair Ave was sold to Delelys, Michael and Delelys, Michelle by Terranova, Maria for \$1,200,000 on 05/08/20

11 Morgan Ave was sold to Pechacek, Andrew and Wegman, Sarah by Bonner, Lori for \$660,000 on 05/08/20

23 Plymouth Rd was sold to Elwell FT and Elwell, Janet L by Lilley FT and Lilley, John for \$627,000 on 05/12/20

74 Renwick Rd #B was sold to Callahan, Beth by Acevedo, Jose and Acevedo-Nguyen, Huyen for \$302,500 on 05/08/20

410 Salem St #402 was sold to Bank New York Mellon Tr by Krafte, Barbara D and Bank Of New York Mellon for \$365,000 on 05/06/20

48 W Park Dr was sold to Belliveau, Jordan and Dupre, Kristin by 48 West Park Drive RT and Dupuis, Lori A for \$575,000 on 05/06/20

#### WILMINGTON

7 Edwards Rd was sold to Jackson, Valerie and Jackson, Bradford L by 74 Alexander Road LLC for for \$560,000 on 04/29/20

5 Federal St was sold to Gorski, Christopher A and Lee, Lisa by Willett, Sean A and Willett, Eileen C for for \$595,000 on 04/30/20

6 Maple Rd was sold to Memory, Richard B and Memory, Kristen L by Palman, James R and Palman, Patricia for for \$405,000 on 04/29/20

19 Ballardvale St was sold to Hope, Daniel and Dembitzky, Samantha by P Whitehouse-Nevins RET and Nevins, Marshall W for \$382,500 on 05/08/20

23 Green Meadow Dr was sold to Gillis, Timothy J and Gillis, Maura M by Elm Tree Development LLC for \$809,900 on 05/08/20

#### WINCHESTER

5 Fox Hunt Ln was sold to Gosselin, John T and Neylon, Elizabeth A by Miller,

Stephen M and Matthews, Alison F for \$1,950,000 on 05/08/20

36 High St was sold to Yang, Vigor and Lee, Phoebe H by Margot Ames Clower RET and Clower, Robert C for \$1,320,000 on 05/11/20

516 S Border Rd was sold to Mee, Peter J and Mee, Allison J by Litchfield Co Inc for \$1,500,000 on 05/07/20

18 Sunset Rd was sold to Falato, Christopher B and Rucci, Carolyn M by Irez, Ashley A and Irez, Erol M for \$1,399,000 on 05/11/20

29 Thornberry Rd was sold to Hulse, David J and Hulse, Kathryn E by Powers, Stephen L and Powers, Susan E for \$919,000 on 05/12/20

7 Wainwright Rd #73 was sold to Alan & Jane Macdonald FT and Macdonald, Alan G by White, Herbert and White, Millicent T for \$1,100,000 on 05/06/20

#### WOBURN

6 Porter St #6 was sold to Langwenya, Mduduzi B by Christopher J McMahon and McMahon, Christopher J for \$455,000 on 05/06/20

3 Richmond Park #2 was sold to Kopchak, Sager by Bekhechi, Latifa and Aboura, Youssef for \$425,000 on 05/11/20

3 Waltham St was sold to Bengani, Lokendrakumar C and Su, Yi by Lynch, Lorraine M for \$570,000 on 05/08/20

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21 Elmwood Rd was sold to Simpson, Terri by LRG IRT and Oxley, Dawn M for \$510,000 on 05/07/20

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## Tewksbury Police Log

### Man arrested for allegedly breaking into vehicle

Monday, May 18

12:20 p.m. - Call for unwanted party in room #302 at Extended Stay America. Police sent. The party was removing his belongings.

4:38 p.m. - A group of kids made a lot of noise in the parking lot of VFW Tewksbury Post Office. Police sent. They checked the area and reported the kids were not making any noise.

11:41 p.m. - 911 call from an anonymous concerned citizen reported a group of kids revving the engine of a vehicle and drove loudly through the complex at Patrick Road. It had been an ongoing issue and they had been ringing other residents' doorbells in the area. Police sent but all had been quiet.

Tuesday, May 19

2:45 a.m. - A caller said her ex-boyfriend put their kids into a trash bag and left them by the dumpster at Marriott Residence Inn. Police sent. The party reportedly has mental health issues. A dispatcher spoke to the party's mother who stated her daughter does

not have any kids or ex-boyfriends. All units cleared and the group home of the party was being contacted.

8:42 a.m. - Male party came to the station to turn himself in. William Murray, 52, of 40 Fiorenza in Wilmington, was arrested and charged with a warrant for larceny motor vehicle.

1:21 p.m. - A male party stopped at Whipple Road and Pleasant Street and urinated while she was there with her nine-year old daughter. Police sent and reported gone on arrival.

3:20 p.m. - The owner of Baystate Electronics reported they just found an ATV tucked behind one of their pods. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

5:53 p.m. - A 911 caller reported two neighbors fought at Patrick Road. Police sent. This was a heated argument and officer filed a report.

10:12 p.m. - Campus police department reported an intoxicated male at Saunders Building State Hospital. Police sent and

ambulance sent. They sent the male to Saint's Hospital.

Wednesday, May 20

12:15 a.m. - A 911 caller stated someone was ripping through a mailbox at Merrimack Meadows. Police sent. Party left in a dark colored SUV. They went to speak to the calling party. The vehicle was gone on arrival and filed a report.

7:04 a.m. - Caller at Village Green Apartments reported her neighbor was being loud and it has been an ongoing issue. Officers were there yesterday and filed a report.

9:21 a.m. - Caller reported there was a guy facing the wrong direction in his car and the pharmacy line and would not move at Walgreens. Police sent, but gone on arrival.

12:32 p.m. - Employee at Extended Stay America reported an unwanted party who was arguing with them and refusing to leave. Police sent. The party in question contacted the station via telephone and was reporting the employees

refuse to allow him to purchase a room. Police sent. All parties were spoken to and that arrangement would be figured out.

5:52 p.m. - An intoxicated party at Oscar Piñata's walked down the road. Police sent. Officer reported party was not intoxicated and had a recent hip replacement. Officers transported to tent city.

Thursday, May 21

4:20 p.m. - Employee reported a suspicious male yelled and screamed behind the Motel 6. Police sent. The male was registered in room 149. Male was gone on arrival.

5:10 p.m. - Caller requested to speak to an officer regarding a male making threats at Trull Brook Golf Course. The male left the property. Officer filed a report.

10:04 p.m. - A 911 caller reported she heard a female yelling for help on Maureen Drive through her backyard. Police sent. It was all quiet at this time and they spoke to the caller and a neighbor who did not hear anything.

They would make extra checks throughout the night.

11:07 p.m. - A suspicious white truck parked at the end of his driveway Starr Avenue. Police sent. The male inside was waiting for his girlfriend who was visiting relatives in a nearby residence.

Friday, May 22

1:44 a.m. - Male party yelled and ran out from in between two vehicles parked at Chandler Street. Police sent. Andrew Zampitella, 20, of 170 Helvetia St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering a vehicle/boat nighttime felony and larceny under \$1,200.

4:12 a.m. - 911 caller at Pinedale Avenue woke up to a loud noise that sounded like screaming. Police sent. They saw a fox in the area and believed that was the cause of the noise.

1:04 p.m. - Caller reported he thought there was illegal activity going on across the street from his home at Memorial Drive. Officer called the party and further investigation would be happening.

5:49 p.m. - Caller at Recreation Department reported a work crew was being rude to people parked in the lot. Police responded. They spoke with the North

Shore Paving. The lot was closed until further notice.

Saturday, May 23

9:15 p.m. - A large group of people were at Stadium Plaza. Police sent and the group was classic car owners looking at their cars.

11:07 p.m. - Caller at State Street reported someone tried to open her front door. She described the person as a white male, approximately 30 years old, with short hair, wearing a grey sweatshirt. This occurred approximately 10 - 15 minutes prior to her call. Police filed a report.

Sunday, May 24

12:19 a.m. - The caller's neighbor was blaring Spanish music at Shawsheen Street. Police sent. They spoke to caller who said they quieted down but it has been an ongoing issue. He would call back if they stated up again.

2:05 p.m. - Female caller stated she witnessed a male in a vehicle slap a female in the face at Walmart. Female walked while male followed her in the vehicle. Female had one child out of the vehicle. Got in the vehicle, he allegedly slapped her in the face. Lowell Police Department notified. Officer spoke with all parties.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Deer run over, killed on Salem Street

Friday, May 15:

12:47 a.m.: Brandi DeMaris-Welch, 29, of 102 Chadwick St. in Haverhill was arrested on a warrant after police found her while inspecting a bonfire by the Grove Avenue train tracks.

9:04 p.m.: Police notified Keolis of a set of railroad gate arms stuck in the down position. The gate was fixed.

Saturday, May 16:

3:45 p.m.: The owner of a Chevrolet Camaro reported that the vehicle's license plates were stolen while it was parked on Avalon Drive.

4:01 p.m.: A Pineridge Road resident reported damage to his Chevrolet Silverado, possibly due to an attempted forced entry.

Sunday, May 17:

7:51 a.m.: The owner of a Ford Escape reported that his vehicle was stolen around 6 p.m. the night before.

1:09 p.m.: Police informed fishers at Shea Concrete that they needed a fishing license to fish on private property.

3:12 p.m.: Police assisted in extinguishing a small brush fire at the corner of Dell Drive and Roberts

Road.

4:58 p.m.: Police spoke to a number of motorcyclists who were revving their engines on Allen Park Drive after a resident called in a noise complaint.

Monday, May 18:

2:06 p.m.: A Nissan Juke hit a Mercedes E300 as it backed out of a driveway onto the street by Shawsheen Avenue and Carter Lane.

5:43 p.m.: A rabid raccoon was euthanized on Hamlin Lane.

Tuesday, May 19:

7:34 a.m.: The Department of Public Works was faxed about a large amount of debris illegally dumped in the dumpster at the Wildwood Street School.

10:34 p.m.: A Church Street resident reported what they believed to be a rabid fisher cat around their residence. The animal turned out to be a raccoon; it was scared back into the woods.

Wednesday, May 20:

1:27 a.m.: While checking Town Hall, police found broken glass at the snack shack on the field. A number of people were also sitting at a nearby picnic

table; they were sent home.

6:21 a.m.: Police assisted the Fire Department with an oil leak from a machine in the Keyspan building on Ballardvale Street.

7:23 a.m.: Police notified Verizon of a downed communication wire on Fay Street.

11:42 a.m.: Police notified Verizon of a downed wire alongside Industrial Way.

1:39 p.m.: Police extinguished the majority of a small mulch fire at TJ Maxx on Main Street before the Fire Department arrived to fully extinguish

it.

Thursday, May 21:

8:49 a.m.: A biker was taken by ambulance to Lahey after he was hit by a Chevrolet Traverse at the intersection of Chestnut Street and Marion Street.

10:44 a.m.: A trash truck downed wires on Woodland Road, temporarily forcing the road to close.

4:35 p.m.: A deer was run over and killed in an accident by Shea Concrete on Salem Street. The accident also damaged two vehicles, a Volvo S60 and a Jeep Gladiator.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

##### MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - HIGHWAY DIVISION

##### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING WEBINAR Project File No. 608051

A Design Public Hearing Webinar will be published on the MassDOT website to present the design for the proposed Reconstruction of Route 38 project in Wilmington, MA.

**WHEN:** Friday, June 12, 2020

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this hearing webinar is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Reconstruction of Route 38 project. All views and comments submitted in response to the webinar will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

**PROPOSAL:** The proposed project consists of reconstruction of Route 38 from Route 62 to the Woburn City Line. Reconstruction will consist of Mill and Overlay of the roadway surface, some widening and some full depth reconstruction where required. Additional sidewalks, ADA accommodating curb ramps throughout, 5 foot shoulders for bike accommodation and an extensive closed drainage system are proposed. A Signal and intersection improvements at Route 62 and a new signal with intersection improvements at Cross Street will be constructed. All Complete Street improvements will be provided in accordance with applicable design guides.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the webinar.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the webinar, plans and a project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: **Project Management**, Project File No. 608051. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing webinar transcript must be postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the webinar is posted to the MassDOT website listed below. Project inquiries may be emailed to [dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us](mailto:dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us)

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Hearing webinar cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/> JONATHAN GULLIVER  
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR  
PATRICIA A.  
LEAVENWORTH, P.E.  
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200510 5/27, 6/3/20

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### LEGAL NOTICE



#### TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

To the owners of the hereinafter described parcels of land situated in TEWKSBURY in the county of MIDDLESEX and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to all others concerned:

You are hereby notified that on Wednesday, June 10th 2020, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 60, Section 53 as amended, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes —

It is my intention to take for TEWKSBURY the following parcels of land for non-payment after demand, of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

KELLY L ODAMS

**BOSTON EYE DESIGN LLC,**  
BUILDING located at 1565 MAIN ST in TEWKSBURY, shown on Assessor's Map 007300032204, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 25071/251. Tax for FY-2019 \$2,423.04.

**BOUDREAU ERNEST M & CHRISTINE,**  
LAND & BUILDING located at 121 FOSTER RD in TEWKSBURY, containing 10,338. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 005800840000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 30551/22. Tax for FY-2019 \$1,294.67.

**BRAZEE LOUIS A & ELIZABETH,**  
LAND & BUILDING located at 43 LAKEVIEW AV in TEWKSBURY, containing 12,400. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 009301650000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 00983/0135. Tax for FY-2019 \$2,003.89.

**CASEY FRANCIS J & DIANE M,**  
LAND located at 121 HEIDENRICH DR/BEHIND in TEWKSBURY, containing 11,326. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 000700520000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 03254/0103. Tax for FY-2019 \$40.14.

**CHAGIAS GEORGE,**  
LAND & BUILDING located at 2499 MAIN ST in TEWKSBURY, containing 6,542. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 009400580000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 16855/169. Tax for FY-2019 \$1,207.35.

**CHAGIAS JOHN TR,**  
2493 MAIN ST REALTY TRUST, LAND & BUILDING located at 2493 MAIN ST in TEWKSBURY, containing 11,609. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 009400570000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 16855/115. Tax for FY-2019 \$2,077.50.

**CICERO CHRISTINE,**  
LAND & BUILDING located at 16 GEIGER DR in TEWKSBURY, containing 29,478. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 009802080000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 28835/17. Tax for FY-2019 \$1,826.68.

**CORREIA MARIO J & MARIA C TR,**  
CORREIA FAMILY TRUST, LAND & BUILDING located at 84 WAMESIT RD in TEWKSBURY, containing 10,000. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 009800380000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Document 258706, Certificate 40265, Book/Page 204/68. Tax for FY-2019 \$23.56.

**CROCKETT BRUCE & ANN MARIE,**  
LAND & BUILDING located at 35 ARLINGTON ST in TEWKSBURY, containing 1.08 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 008301410000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 1919/568. Tax for FY-2019 \$6,348.55.

**CROWE DANIEL M & LINDA,**  
LAND & BUILDING located at 832 SHAWSHEEN ST in TEWKSBURY, containing 7,600. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 009800660000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Document 275762, Certificate 41592 Book/Page 211/3. Tax for FY-2019 \$313.31.

**HODGES GARY U TR,**  
HODGES FAMILY REALTY TRUST,  
Subsequent Owner:  
HODGES CLARA GAIL,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 327 MARSTON ST in TEWKSBURY, containing 7,930 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 002000870000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 32487/56. Tax for FY-2019 \$1,727.37.

**KANE MARY LOU,**  
BUILDING located at 127 APACHE WY in TEWKSBURY, shown on Assessor's Map 00990092U127, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 23173/131. Tax for FY-2019 \$2,000.00.

**LEFEBVRE RAYMOND P TR,**  
38 WHITED AVE REALTY TRUST,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 38 WHITED AV in TEWKSBURY, containing 9,000. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 002500380000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 20988/4. Tax for FY-2019 \$5,045.20.

**LEMIEUX J ROBERT A,**  
LEMIEUX GENEVIEVE A,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 200 NORTH ST in TEWKSBURY, containing 1,370 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 006200050000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Document 107733, Certificate 26869, Book/Page 137/137. As well as Document 208395 Certificate 36365, Book/Page 184/329 Tax for FY-2019 \$6,217.52.

**MIRANDA JOAQUIM DE MATOS,**  
MIRANDA MOLLY,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 148 ROGERS ST in TEWKSBURY, containing 43,560. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 002000570000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 13025/061. Tax for FY-2019 \$7,018.21.

**OWENS STEPHEN R,**  
BUILDING located at 35 HERITAGE DR in TEWKSBURY, shown on Assessor's Map 00470143U035, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 03494/0138. Tax for FY-2019 \$3,382.42.

**PENNEY WILLIAM A & NANCY,**  
LAND & BUILDING located at 237 SALEM RD in TEWKSBURY, containing 43,560. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 010500400000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 2044/187. Tax for FY-2019 \$6,822.61.

**SARNO CHERYL A,**  
N/O SARNO CHERYL A & MARINO JUDITH F,  
Subsequent Owner:  
SARNO CHERYL A & MARINO JUDITH F,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 539 KENDALL RD in TEWKSBURY, containing 1,030 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 007900590000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 32103/41. Tax for FY-2019 \$1,711.87.

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### LEGAL NOTICE



#### TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Lease of Municipal Real Estate for Wireless Communications Facilities

The Town of Tewksbury (the "Town") owns and operates an elevated water storage tank (the "Tank") located at 30 Watertown Road, Tewksbury, MA, Map 22, Parcel 1 (the "Site"). The Tank currently hosts wireless communications equipment owned and operated by four wireless communications companies licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC"), namely AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon (collectively, the "Carriers"), as well as equipment owned and used by the Tewksbury Department of Public Works, Police and Fire Departments (the "Departments").

The Town seeks to lease space on the Tank and the Site to FCC licensed wireless carrier companies and issues this Request for Proposals (the "RFP"). Any entity seeking to submit a response must be licensed by the FCC to provide wireless communications services and must submit a copy of their FCC licenses for this area of Massachusetts. As part of this RFP, the Town has proposed an antenna installation design to maximize revenues and allow for improved use and access to the Tank for the Town.

An RFP Package may be obtained by contacting Steve Sadwick, Assistant Town Manager, at ssadwick@tewksbury-ma.gov or 978-640-4300. The package will be either emailed or mailed out to individuals seeking to submit a response. Proposals must be submitted by July 20, 2020 at 11:00 AM.  
200479 5/20,27/20

### LEGAL NOTICE



#### TOWN OF WILMINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

#### PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 7:05 p.m., in compliance with provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Request for Determination of Applicability, filed by Sharon MacDonald, 68 Aldrich Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner and applicant. This filing is for construction of a 10' x 16' deck to the single family dwelling. This work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located at 68 Aldrich Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 19 Parcel 11. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and can be requested by emailing Cathy Pepe at cpepe@wilmingtonma.gov between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Donald Pearson, Chair  
Conservation Commission  
200519 5/27/20

### LEGAL NOTICE



#### TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

#### ADVERTISEMENT

**THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at [www.biddocsonline.com](http://www.biddocsonline.com). Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer).

The Town of Tewksbury, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the New Tewksbury Fire Headquarters in Tewksbury, MA, in accordance with the documents prepared by HKT Architects.

The Project consists of:  
Construction of a new 3-story

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### LEGAL NOTICE



#### TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

#### PUBLIC HEARING

#### MODIFICATION TO A SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT COMMUNITY VILLAGE OVERLAY DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **June 8, 2020 at 7:20 P.M.** on an application filed by **Marc Ginsburg on behalf of Tewksbury Country Club** for a Modification to a Site Plan Special Permit (SPSP 97-5) & Site Plan Special Permit Community Village Overlay District to construct a 2,044 SF addition to the existing pro-shop and changes to existing parking area as shown on plans filed with this Board. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819.

Said property is located at **1880 Main Street**, Assessor's Map 85, Lot 45-UB03, zoned Commercial.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Stephen Johnson, Chair  
200475 5/20,27/20

### LEGAL NOTICE



#### TOWN OF WILMINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

#### PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., in compliance with provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Request for Determination of Applicability, filed by Shanna Fournier, 58 Aldrich Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner and applicant. This filing is for construction of an above ground pool and deck. This work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located at 58 Aldrich Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 19 Parcel 8. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and can be requested by emailing Cathy Pepe at cpepe@wilmingtonma.gov between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Donald Pearson, Chair  
Conservation Commission  
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### LEGAL NOTICE



#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

#### MIDDLESEX DIVISION

#### INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI20P1994

Estate of:  
**James David Zleske**  
Date of Death: 01/07/2020

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Ellen J. Zleske of Wilmington MA.**

**Ellen J. Zleske of Wilmington MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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### LEGAL NOTICE



#### TOWN OF WILMINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 7:10 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Notice of Intent filed by the Town of Wilmington, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner and applicant. The filing is for the construction of a sidewalk and drainage improvements in the Shady Lane Drive Right of Way. This work is within 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located at Shady Lane Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 79 Parcel Road Right of Way near Parcel 15A. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning and Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be requested by emailing Cathy Pepe at cpepe@wilmingtonma.gov between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Donald Pearson, Chair  
Conservation Commission  
200520 5/27/20

### LEGAL NOTICE



#### TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing in accordance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 138, on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. on the request of Theo Restaurant Group, Inc., by Bill Theofilopoulos, Manager, for an On-Premise Restaurant Wine and Malt Liquor License to be located at 1625 Andover Street, Tewksbury, with a proposed new two-story restaurant to be constructed with a building area of approximately 4,412 square feet. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen's meeting room, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA.

Input is welcome from the public. The Board of Selectmen recommends that comments be submitted in writing to the Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA, 01876 on or before noon time Friday, June 12, 2020.

Jay Kelly  
Chairman  
Board of Selectmen  
200504 5/27/20

### LEGAL NOTICE



#### TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

#### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS M.G.L Chapter 149 Construction Advertisement

Town of Tewksbury (Awarding Authority) invites sealed bids for the construction of an Elementary School located at 135 Pleasant Street, Tewksbury MA as described in the drawings and specifications prepared by Flansburgh Architects, Inc. The project is construction of a 140,000sf building, replacement of the Doucette Athletic Field, Field House, Concession Stand, Toilet Building, Bleachers etc. Estimated construction cost of \$77.5M, project delivery is CM@Risk via MGL c149A via Consigli Construction and Owner Project Manager is CBRE Heery. Contractor Qualification is DCAMM Certified and the Awarding Authority invites Prequalified Filled Sub Bidders in the following categories: Masonry, Miscellaneous and Ornamental Iron, Waterproofing, Dampproofing and Caulking, Roofing and Flashing, Metal Windows, Glass and Glazing, Tile, Acoustical Tile, Resilient Floors, Terrazzo Flooring, Painting, Elevators, Fire Protection Sprinkler System, Plumbing, Heating, Ventilation & Air-Conditioning, Electrical. Bids for Non-Filled Sub-Bid categories will also be accepted. Pre-Bid Conference will be held on site at 135 Pleasant Street, Tewksbury, MA on June 9, 2020 at 3pm. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available on May 28, 2020 at [www.biddocsonline.com](http://www.biddocsonline.com) (may be viewed electronically and downloaded at no cost) or hard copies may be purchased at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).  
200509 5/27/20

There is a plan deposit of \$150 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs Online Inc.

Deposits may be electronically paid or must be a check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

Additional sets may be purchased for \$150.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$40.00 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPS overnight), payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

The Pre-Bid Conference and site visit will be on **June 4, 2020 at 10:00 AM at 1009 Main Street (Town Hall).**

The Contract Documents may be seen at:

Nashoba Blue Inc.  
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Hudson, MA 01749  
978-568-1167  
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Fire Headquarters building at 984 Main Street.

The work is estimated to cost **\$13.4 million.**

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A- & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work -- **General Building Construction** and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime Update Statement (Form CQ 3).

General Bids will be received until **June 30, 2020 at 2:00 PM** and publicly opened, forthwith online.

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until **June 23, 2020 at 2:00 PM** and publicly opened, forthwith online.

Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.

**SUBTRADES**  
Masonry, Miscellaneous Metals, Waterproofing-Dampproofing-Caulking, Roofing, Glass & Glazing, Tile, Acoustical Tile, Resilient Flooring, Painting, Elevator, Fire protection, Plumbing, HVAC and Electrical

General Contractors and Filled Sub-bid Subcontractors (except Elevator) were pre-qualified for the project and have received an Invitation to Bid. Elevator is NOT a pre-qualified scope for this project.

All Bids should be submitted electronically online at [www.biddocsonline.com](http://www.biddocsonline.com) and received no later than the date and time specified above.

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Town of Tewksbury.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at [www.biddocsonline.com](http://www.biddocsonline.com) (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).





WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020

## Town Crier's WHS All-Decade Baseball and Softball teams

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

jamiepote@hotmail.com  
WILMINGTON - It was certainly a successful decade - especially in the regular season - for the Wilmington High School Baseball team. The Wildcats won 114 games, captured three league titles and advanced to the state tournament in nine of the ten years.

Moreover, the Wildcats had 12 or more wins four times in the decade including a 16-5 mark in 2017, took home Middlesex League Freedom Division crowns in 2012, '14 and '17.

During the decade, the 'Cats finished 2-9 in the post-season, beating Winchester in 2010 and Arlington in 2014, but were defeated by Masconomet twice, Belmont, Lynn Classical, Belmont, Reading and Burlington all in Division 2 North Sectional tournament play, before being shifted to D3 in 2018 and

team, Peffer usually batted clean-up and cleaned up the traffic on the base paths, knocking in his share of teammates, while also supplying solid defense.

2B: Brian Cavanaugh - A former Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year, Cavanaugh batted over .300, had deceptive speed on the base paths and was also very solid with the glove.

3B: Carl Beatrice - When you're a sports-writer for 27 years, there's times when you look back and wish you had an opportunity to write a feature story on certain athletes during a magical season and Beatrice was one of them. In 2018, he batted .427 with 23 RBI and also was 2-1 on the mound.

SS: Vinny Scifo - The third athlete on this team to make it previously with another - hoop - Scifo left WHS and played four years at Division 1

tainly had a productive decade finishing 30 games over the .500 mark at 119-89.

The Wildcats qualified for the tournament seven times, finished 2-7 in those games and also enjoyed a league title to begin the decade in 2010. Wilmington picked up tournament wins over Swampscott in 2010 and Bedford in 2017, but were eliminated by North Reading in '11, Tewksbury in '12, Arlington in '15, Gloucester in '16, Swampscott in '17, Dracut in a classic game in '18 and then Essex Tech in '19.

Wilmington had three seasons with at least 14 wins, including 17 in 2010, 15 in 2017 and 14 this past year.

Head Coach Audrey Cabral-Pini was behind the bench for all ten seasons, and 11 in all, including a 12-10 mark in 2009, which brings her career record to 131-99 overall.



Nick Boutoures had a terrific career pitching at both WHS and then at UMass-Lowell. He is one of the three pitchers we have chosen to the First Team of our All-Decade WHS Baseball team. (file photo).



Former Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year Brian Cavanaugh is the choice for the WHS Baseball team's best second baseman of the decade. (file photo).

'19 and the 'Cats were eliminated by Bedford and Dracut.

Head Coach Aldo Cairra was behind the bench for the entire decade finishing at 114-97.

As for the All-Decade Team, by far this was the hardest team to select, but between All-Conference, All-Star, Lowell Sun All-Star teams, statistics and my own eyes, I came up with a team that I think would be extremely difficult to beat on any given day.

### ALL-DECADE TEAM

P: Jackson Gillis - One of the most coveted high school pitchers most recently in the state, Gillis won 16 games during his career and was named to All-Scholastic and All-State Teams. After pitching three years at Vanderbilt University, he is currently a minor league pitcher in the Milwaukee Brewers organization.

P: Danny Gracia - In 2018, he had a 1.61 ERA, on top of batting .482 on the season. A four-year starter, he was terrific as a pitcher/shortstop/hitter. He is at Franklin Pierce, enjoying a fine collegiate career.

P: Nick Boutoures - Only one year counts for him, but certainly a dominating figure on the mound finishing 4-1 with 49 strikeouts in 38.1 innings. Boutoures went on to be a closer for the UMass-Lowell program, having great success.

C: Dalton Rolli - Rolli makes the baseball team after previously making the ice hockey team. He also played some outfield, but behind the plate he had a strong arm and he could certainly swing the stick, including a .461 average during the 2012 season.

1B: Cole Peffer - Another athlete who previously made our hoop

UMass-Amherst, playing at the same spot as Billerica's Gary DiSarcina. I have used that line before and I think it's pretty awesome.

OF: Graham Smith - In terms of a CF, he's arguably the best defensive one I've seen in a Wildcat uniform between the ground he covers, speed and of course his arm. He is also a .341 career hitter. Like his pal Gracia, Graham is now playing at Franklin Pierce.

OF: Bailey Smith - In one season of 2019, Bailey stole 35 bases, which ranks second all-time in the program throughout the entire decade - second only to his brother Graham, who had 43. He also had 28 hits and batted .412! Hard to argue the one season isn't all-decade status, especially since he dominated so many offensive categories.

OF: Matt Rideout - Extremely underrated, Rideout was an on-base machine with 66 hits/walks in 154 plate appearances, while also swiped 21 bases.

DH: Jamie Hill - See Carl Beatrice. Missed story aside, Hill was a beast at the plate and could hit laser beams into the gaps and out of the parks. He would certainly bat clean-up for me in this stacked line-up.

### RESERVES:

P's: Mike Curtis, Jon Keough, Joe Scurto  
P/INF: Tristan Ciampa, Chris Stokes and Chris Grecco

C: Corey Stillings  
INF: Phil Lentini  
P/OF: Sean Hanley  
OF: Tom Worob

### WHS SOFTBALL

Despite three consecutive years of eight wins and not qualifying for the state tournament, the WHS Softball team cer-

### ALL-DECADE TEAM

P: Chelsie Babcock - In 2010, Babcock finished the season with a 14-1 record and a 1.91 ERA, which included tossing six shut outs, one no-hitter and a pair of two hitters. She didn't dominate batters, but her speciality was location and having a great mind for the game.

P: Ally Moran - She took the hill the last four years, including '19 where she finished with 14 victories, 205 strikeouts, a 2.00 ERA and five shut outs. She finished with a batting average of .305. She was slated to begin her collegiate career at Framingham State University this spring.

C: Brittney McLaughlin - This program had two absolute phenomenal catchers throughout the decade and McLaughlin, a former Town Crier Athlete of the Year, gets the nod at this spot mainly with her defense. In four years, she had two passed balls and threw out 90 percent of would-be base stealers.

At the plate, she batted .431 during her senior year with three home runs. She was a three-time league all-star.

1B: Antonia Kieran - Just a real solid, consistent player both with the bat and glove. She improved drastically over her career and is now playing at Lesley College.

2B: Dana Goulet - She mostly played shortstop, especially during her latter years, but had a handful of games at second base, so therefore we make an exception here and slide her over. At the plate, during her senior year, she was dynamite with the bunt and getting on base. She is currently playing soccer at Bentley University.

3B: Jenn Dovidio - She came up as a pitcher and still toiled the rubber fre-

quently before settling in to third base. She was basically an impossible out, always on base and improved dramatically with the glove.

SS: Emily Crannell - Along with the choice at DH, Crannell is probably one of the top power hitters the program has had over recent memory. She was a two-sport star, who also made our Basketball All-Decade team. She played four years of softball at St. Anselm.

OF: Cassie Grasso - Looking back at previous articles, it seemed like all of them said the same thing - Grasso had three hits, two runs, two stolen

bases and led off rallies by getting on base. She is also making her second appearance on an All-Decade team, with indoor track as the other.

OF: Makayla Donahue - She was a two-year captain, who mostly played center and right field, but was known for her bat. She certainly could hit and was a RBI machine.

OF: Taylor Hanley - She played her first two seasons in the outfield, before moving to the hot corner. She was a key part in the team's 17-win season and league title in 2010 and was just a steady ballplayer. She went on to have a great career at Worcester

State.

DH: Shannon Horgan - Horgan is the other 'phenomenal catcher' that this program has had, and while McLaughlin had the defensive stats, Horgan had the offensive stats, thus shifting to DH. In 2017, she batted .456 with 5 home runs, 21 RBI and 11 stolen bases.

### RESERVES:

P/OF: Tori Lord  
C: Katherine McKenna  
INF's: Lauren McKenna, Amanda Richards, Jackie Zarembo, Bree Parow and Adele Burton

OF's: Kaitlyn Souza, Liz Crannell and Kim Woods



Above, Antonia Kieran, shown being tagged out at third and below Brittney McLaughlin applying a tag on a Tewksbury base runner, are two members of the Town Crier's WHS All-Decade Softball team. (file photos).





# MIAA in process of making changes to Baseball, XC and Track

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Over the past few weeks, members of the MIAA and its sports committees have been meeting to discuss possible further changes for the 2021-'22 season, which coincides with the new state wide state tournament.

With changes already proposed - and just waiting on finalization - to football, basketball and volleyball, among others, this past week came possible changes to baseball, as well as cross-country and track-and-field.

In baseball, the proposal will be to go from four divisions in the state tournament to five. Each division will have close to 65 teams, which would allow for nearly 50 percent of the teams in each division to qualify for the newly designed state tournament. The proposal would put 63 teams in Division 1, 66 in Division 2, 65 in Division 3, 66 in Division 4 and 65 in Division 5.

According to the Boston Herald, "Schools that don't like their current placement and wish to appeal to reclassify can appeal to the Tournament Management Committee. (Also), Teams that want to move up can do so without someone else being displaced."

Two other topics were discussed, including the 1A Baseball tournament, as well as keeping track of the pitch count so pitchers get the proper amount of rest between appearances. It appears as if the 1A Tournament will remain. As for the pitch count, under National Federation Rules, anyone who throws one to 25 pitches can come back the next day. Those who throw 26 to 50 pitches require one day's rest, 41 to 55 pitches would be two

days, 56 to 70 pitches need three days' rest and anyone throwing 71 to 115 pitches (which is the maximum allowed) would not be able to come back for four days.

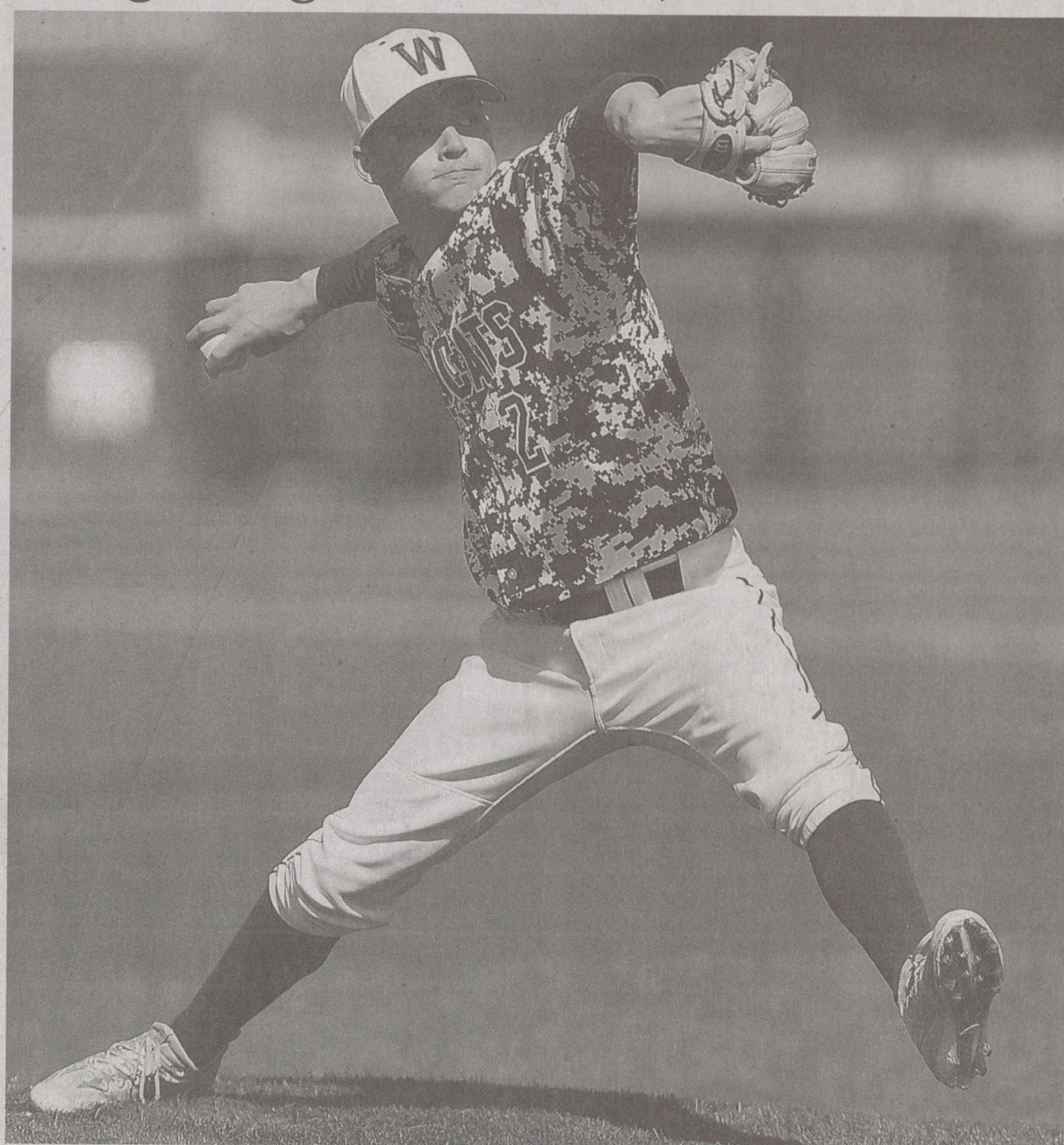
If a pitcher has thrown 71 to 90 pitches on the day he last pitched, on his fourth day of rest, he would be eligible to throw a maximum of 25 pitches.

Both of these items will be discussed and finalized at a later date.

There were much more drastic proposed changes to both cross-country and indoor track. The committee voted 15-0 in favor of moving cross-country to a nine-division sectional alignment. Today, there's ten sectional meets, with six divisions in Eastern Mass and two each in Central and Western. To avoid confusion, the new divisions will be called 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 2C and 3A, 3B and 3C.

In addition, the All-State Meet would go from two divisions to three and the additional change would be the top seven teams from each division advances to the all-state meet, as well as two additional wild card teams per division and those will be broken up to the 1A-B-C, 2A-B-C and 3A-B-C sections. Finally, the top ten individuals from non-qualifying teams in each division will also advance.

According to reports, "Schools that opt to move up would automatically be approved, while schools that want to move down need to appeal to the Tournament Management Committee. Appeals will not be heard based on a program's success rate. Appeals will be heard based on the following factors: school type (private, urban, co-op, vocational), participation numbers and large enrollment changes."



If the latest proposal goes through, starting in the 2021-'22 school year, there will be five divisions of play when it comes to high school baseball. Tristan Ciampa, a senior this year, unfortunately won't be a part of that change. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

With indoor track, the biggest change comes from the All-State Meet, where the committee voted 13-0 in favor of changing the name of the meet to "Meet of Champions", eliminating team championship awards. So for example, the Tewksbury Memorial High School girls' outdoor

co - All - State Championship title in 2016 would not be celebrated, instead the individual winners and place finishers would be recognized more so.

The committee also voted 13-0 in favor of adding "super max" qualifying standards for the "Meet of Champions." These standards will be the 12th place average from the last three All-State meets. If an athlete qualifies under these marks, he or she will not be required to participate in that event at the preceding championship.

According to Mike Moran of the Daily

Hampshire Gazette, "The committee voted on several measures in regards to the qualifying standards for the five state meets. The committee voted 13-0-1 to qualify the top 36 in the 600, 1000 and mile. For all other running events, the committee voted 13-0-1 to make the standard time the average 20th place from the last three respective divisional meets (2020, 2019, 2018). The qualifying standard for relays and field events will be the average 12th place from the last three years (13-0-1 vote). The official standards will be announced later this year. "The committee voted

15-0 to eliminate the 'Honest effort rule: Failure to participate' rule from the tournament format. The rule basically states that if an athlete is scheduled to participate in an event and does not, that athlete is prohibited from participating in any subsequent event.

"The committee voted 16-0 to keep the order of events the same from the trials to the finals. All approved alignments and format changes will be sent to the Tournament Management Committee, which will meet virtually on June 4."

## Letter to the Sports Editor

## Touchdown Club says thank you

Dear Jamie:  
The Wilmington Touchdown Club would like to thank all the team parents, alumni and community members who participated in our Dining For A Cause Take-out Fundraiser last Monday night at Tremezzo

Ristorante. Your continued support made this an overwhelming success as we raised over \$600 in funds that will support the WHS Football Team this season.

We would also like to thank Margie Smolinsky for her help in coordinat-

ing the fundraiser and all the staff at Tremezzo Ristorante for their hard work and generosity.

Thank you, Nancy Roberts  
President, Touchdown Club of Wilmington

## Wilmington Little League makes announcement about possible season

This announcement was made by Wilmington Little League President Jaret Balter and announced on the league's website and we thought we would share it.

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The board and I hope this communication finds you and your family safe and healthy. We continue to work with the Wilmington Board of Health, the Rec Department, the School District, Little League International and follow direction for Governor Baker to determine when it might be safe to resume baseball and softball activities.

That being said, Governor Baker's latest announcement and four phased approach, has provided guidelines that allows for the resumption of youth sports in both phase 2 and phase 3. Phase 2 would allow practice without the use of dugouts for groups of 15 or less but NO games. Phase 3 would allow for games with social distancing guidelines for spectators.

At this time we do not have all the specifics for

phase 2 or 3 as they will be published as we get closer to those phases. We have reviewed guidelines from other states who have reopened as a way to try and determine what Massachusetts may look like. We are also getting guidance from LL International about reopening guidelines.

We want to make it clear, that there may be requirements that include wearing a mask on the bench, signing a COVID 19 waiver, having sanitizer for all the kids available, no sharing of any equipment (bats, helmets, catchers gear) whatsoever, and spectators wearing masks and being socially distant. While we do not have specific guidance but these are some of the guidelines that states who have opened are following.

If timelines do not change, we would be able to practice towards the end of June and begin to play games in July. While we don't have a firm schedule, the league would look to run for four-to-six weeks. What the board and I would like to do, in order to plan, is see if we have interest from enough families to play

this summer.

We ask that you fill out the following survey (located on the website) as soon as you can. We are collaborating with the summer leagues we participate in (Middlesex Softball, MBDL, and others) to share information as we are largely dependent on other towns for competition, especially at the older level.

Each family should discuss amongst themselves if they feel comfortable participating and if they feel comfortable playing against other towns. We also need to ensure that we have enough volunteers. This alone does not guarantee our return to play.

We will still need to follow Governor Baker's orders and will get specific guidance for the Town of Wilmington as to when our permits may be granted and fields reopened for organized activity.

We thank you again for being part of the WLL family and we hope to see everyone out on the fields again when it is safe to do so. As always, please feel free to send me any questions or concerns.



The MIAA made some proposals that need to be finalized which would change cross-country and track quite a bit with the post-season meets. Above, Olivia Erler has the lead over several Stoneham runners. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## Four WHS Athletes awarded scholarships

Michael Monteforte Jr., owner of Monteforte Law P.C., of Wilmington, MA has created and funded a scholarship for Wilmington High School graduates called the "The Albert Iamelli Sportsmanship & Scholarship Award".

Michael's grandfather, Albert Iamelli, also known as "Papa", was a football referee and baseball umpire for high school sports all over New England. Albert was also president of both New England Football Officials and Baseball Officials. To honor him, Monteforte Law P.C. will be giving \$500 to FOUR student-ath-

letes every year.

To be eligible, you must be:

- A senior at Wilmington High School
- A player on a WHS sports team
- Must have a GPA of 3.0 or above

"The Albert Iamelli Sportsmanship and Scholarship Award" 2020 recipients are:

Melanie Hayden-Attending Endicott College in the Fall;  
Alyson Colantuoni-Attending Southern New Hampshire University in the Fall;  
Kyle Vallee- Attending

University of New Hampshire in the Fall;  
Katie McConologue-Attending Plymouth State University in the Fall

These student-athlete's hard work and high achievements stood out to Mr. Monteforte. They showed excellent dedication to their sports and academics throughout their time at Wilmington High School. Monteforte Law, P.C. wishes them the best of luck with their future endeavors.

Applications for next year will be available in January 2021 on the firm's website.

## Verbal Agreement in place with coaches' salaries

The Town Crier has learned that after several weeks of negotiations, the Wilmington School Committee and the Wilmington Teachers Association have come to a verbal agreement with the Wilmington High School Spring Athletic Coaching Staff with regards to their seasonal stipends.

Once the contract is officially signed between the SC and the Teachers' Union, the Town Crier will have more on this story of events.

-- JAMIE POTE --



## State Reps earmark state IT bond bill funding for local emergency services

BOSTON — Following many days of preparation, the House of Representatives sent forward a key bond bill looking to improve Information Technology investments for state and local governments across the state. Targeted issues of the bill include improving constituent services from state entities, assisting localities with improving IT security, and \$40 million in potential funding for public schools to assist in online

learning.

Locally, Tewksbury and Wilmington received individual earmarks. If the bonds are released by the governor, state assistance to Tewksbury would include up to \$250,000 for the purchase of a new ambulance and \$150,000 for a new rescue vehicle, replacing current fleet vehicles at the end of their lifespan.

Wilmington would receive \$150,000 for communication upgrades to their current emergency radio

and telecommunications network, and \$18,000 to implement onboard computers for fire equipment. These computers would allow first responders to communicate important information between units easier, coordinating responding units and forwarding vital information to crews before they even arrive on scene.

"I felt this is a very important opportunity to support our local first responders again," said Representative David Ro-

bertson. "If Governor Baker and Treasurer Goldberg eventually choose to authorize the release of these funds, and they have done well as our state's executive branch financial stewards, these are additional funds that we may pursue to provide additional state assistance to our communities. We'll help alleviate the costs to town residents while improving both local and regional emergency response, and shifts the financial cost

off the town to take advantage of our state's strong bond rating."

"I'm proud to have worked with my House colleague, Rep. Robertson, on amendments that are aimed at bringing significant funding to Tewksbury to support emergency services," said Rep. Tram Nguyen. "As we face an unprecedented public health crisis, I will continue to advocate for our community and help those who are affected by this terrible

virus."

Other language in the bill supported targeted funds to provide municipal grants for safety equipment for first responders, financial assistance to hospitals and community health centers to counter future COVID outbreaks, and grants to help municipalities implement disability-access compliance at local facilities.

The bill now heads to the Senate for debate and passage.



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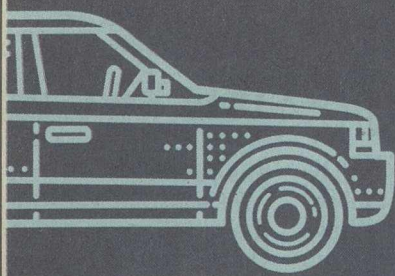
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## Dream of summer by planning your ideal outdoor space

(BPT) - If you're dreaming of summer, imagining how you could be relaxing with a good book in the shade, entertaining family in your outdoor kitchen, playing with the kids in the sunshine - or just breathing in the sights and sounds of nature in your own personal oasis - here are some tips to help kick-start the planning process when the time is right for you.

Modern landscaping and hardscaping offer limitless possibilities, so you can find the right solution to complement the way you live and your own personal tastes. Whether you want a stylish lounge area for entertaining, a green-filled hideaway for connecting with nature, or a clean, minimal space for family fun and games, you can make it happen using a combination of pavers, walls, fire pits or

even full outdoor kitchens.

Channel your imagination, plus a little pro advice, to help you create an outdoor space that is perfect for your family, budget and home. One great resource is Collections by Belgard, which offers outdoor designers, contractors and homeowners a way to virtually re-imagine their outdoor space by combining product offerings that pair the right textures and colors to match your home's style - as well as your vision.

First, spend a little time with your dream, nailing down what type of outdoor space you really want. What do you most want to do in your outdoor space, and what style best expresses your vision and personality?

Cozy natural retreat

Create a space for un-

winding from the week's stresses. Could you arrange a trellis or pergola bursting with plants and flowers to set your rest apart from the rest

of the yard? You could install relaxing hammocks or a serene fountain to complete your oasis.

Then choose hardscaping elements to work hand-in-hand with your favorite natural elements. For example, Belgard's Natural Collection provides hardscaping with the look of slates and worn stone that can set the perfect tone for your special hideaway. You can also pair this style with elements from their Heritage Collection for a classic, earthy look - or combine walls or pavers from the Natural Collection with items from the Metropolitan Collection, creating a contemporary yet soft and inviting vibe.

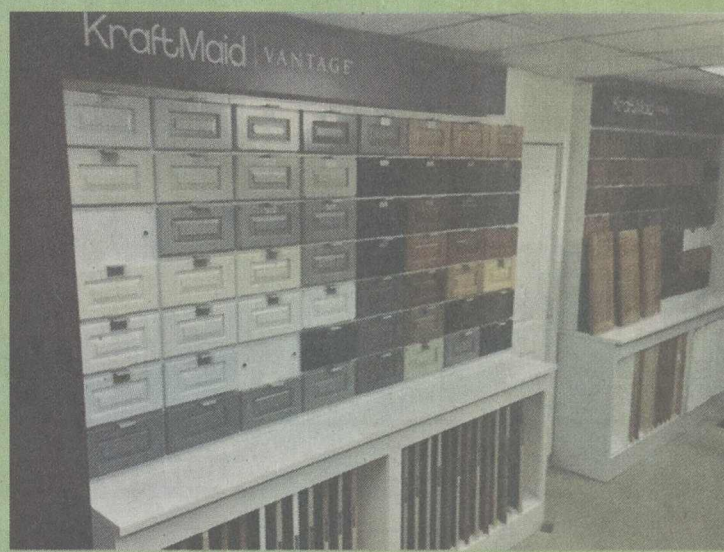
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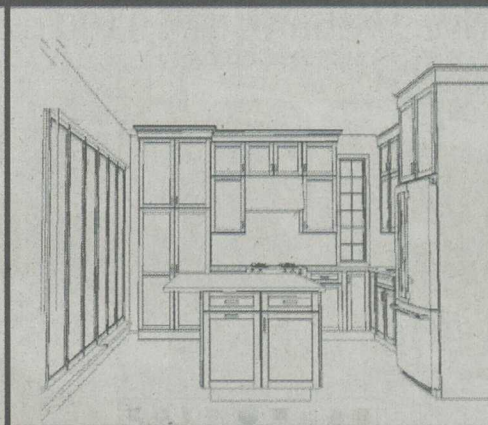
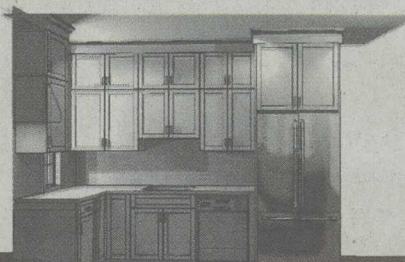
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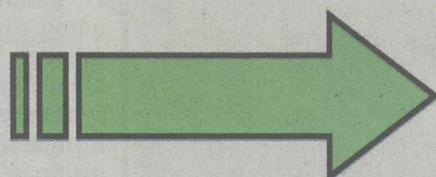
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## Clever hacks give spring-cleaning a whole new meaning

(BPT) - With more time spent in the comfort of our home, spring-cleaning can take on an entirely new meaning this year. Consider the following hacks to make your household clean-up routine as efficient and thorough as possible.

**Conquer kitchen crevices with lemon and baking soda**

Crumbs, food residue and dirt can hide in kitchen crannies. Dedicate time to deep clean these commonly overlooked areas. In the microwave, chop a lemon into several chunks and add to three cups of water in a glass bowl. Microwave for about five minutes and keep the door shut after the timer to allow the steam to do its magic. Then, wipe down the interior with a microfiber cloth. The benefits of the lemon slices don't end here. If your garbage disposal is starting to smell, carefully insert slices into the disposal and run. The acidity will combat clogs and leave your sink with a citrus scent.

In the refrigerator, sort through drawers and shelves and toss expired items. Use baking soda to remove caked on food and spills. Shake some baking soda on the spots, dampen with a few drops of water and let sit for 10 minutes before scrubbing off residue. This method will leave your fridge spotless and scentless - an important but often forgotten consideration,

**"Suds-idize" the shower**

While dedicated to get you clean, a shower can build up bacteria if the moisture-filled environment is not treated properly. Tackling the shower is labor intensive and easy to move to the bottom of the chore list. To simplify the process, choose a cleaning product that is both safe and effective on the surface, whether your shower is made of tile, ceramic or plastic. Conduct an initial spot test, but - generally speaking - the more versatile the cleaner, the better.

To scrub and wipe away suds in one quick gesture, consider the multipurpose Peerless Side-Kick Shower System, which you can easily install yourself. This shower head not only provides a drenching shower experience but also comes with a cleaning attachment where water flows through the pad, allowing you to scrub tile, wash away cleaning product and ultimately reduce cleaning time.

**Implement closet methodology**

A closet cleanout can be both daunting and,

let's be honest, emotional. For items you're not willing to part with just yet, hang all clothes backward on the rack. Once you have worn an item, hang forward facing on the rack. After a few months, donate items that remain backward, as they haven't been touched and aren't getting any use.

When reorganizing clothes in drawers or bins, fold and insert items upright without stacking. This is the best use of space and allows for a quick view of your wardrobe options, eliminating the need to sift through drawers and make a mess.

**Organize easily ignored areas**

We all have areas of the home that seem to stockpile goods and are only cleaned out once in a blue moon: the medicine cabinet, junk drawer, storage room, linen closet, craft area, garage and laundry room, to name a few. First, completely clear out these spaces. Use bins and buckets to create a system of organization and implement labels, as needed. When you add items back in, place the most-used items at the front and only reintroduce essential items. Finally tackling these areas will give you a sense of comfort and relief.

With these hacks, your spring-cleaning checklist will be complete in no time, with long-lasting results.

## • Outdoor space (From previous page)

**Relaxed entertaining center**

Maybe your dream sanctuary is a cozy fire pit surrounding by lounge seating to create a comfortable outdoor living room family and guests can enjoy day or night.

Or perhaps you want to dazzle guests with your culinary skills at a complete outdoor kitchen - including fun extras like a smoker, wine cooler or brick pizza oven.

Plan the exact features you want before choosing the style, and you can make your dreams come true.

Eye-catching extension of your living space

Whatever plans you have for hardscapes, furnishings, appliances and more, consider the overall ambiance you want to create. Consider not only the natural environment, but what style best complements your

home's aesthetic.

Want a more aged, rustic appearance to suit your traditional style home? The antique, tumbled look of features from the Heritage Collection combined with elements from the Natural Collection may suit that style. Or if you want a sleeker, more contemporary look, consider opting for streamlined, modular outdoor furnishings, surrounded by pavers or walls using the smooth finishes found in the Metropolitan Collection.

**Focus on family fun**

Maybe your dream is to add outdoor recreation areas for you and your family. Consider making space for giant stacking blocks, life-size checkers or chess, cornhole or ring toss. How about a mini hedge maze or paver labyrinth?

Then use the existing feel of your home's exterior as the basis for your stylistic direction. You could go for a traditional, old-world aesthetic by combining the soft edges and accent pieces from the Legacy Collection with the old-world charm of the Heritage Collection. Or you could pair aspects of the Legacy Collection with features from the more modern-looking Metropolitan Collection to add warmth to your contemporary space.

Homeowners and outdoor designers can work together to mix and match a variety of textures, colors and styles to create an outdoor space that suits any landscape - creating an extension of your home to make all your summer dreams come true.

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## 5 tips for better home safety this spring

(Family Features) As people become more active during the warmer months, keeping home safety top of mind can sometimes go by the wayside. However, when it comes to fire and carbon monoxide safety, you can never be too prepared. Whether you are just beginning to take a stronger safety-first approach or looking to upgrade existing home safety equipment, keep these tips in mind as you spruce up your home for the season.

**Don't Just Check Batteries, Check the Alarm**

It's a good idea to review your safety equipment and ensure everything is in good working order at least a couple times each year. For example, every type of smoke alarm must be completely replaced every 10 years whether it's hardwired into your home or operates on a battery. New smoke alarms commonly come with built-in 10-year batteries, meaning no battery changes, but it's a good idea to test the units regularly. In fact, most manufacturers recommend weekly. You can also use this time to double-check the gauge on your fire extinguishers, replace batteries in flashlights, test security systems and replenish first-aid kits.

**Inspect and Repair Outdoor Areas**

Set aside time to evaluate any damage or potential hazards as the weather warms. For example, fallen tree branches and leaves can become trapped in gutters and pose a fire hazard. Shutters and fences can also weaken over time. To make sure they're in good working condition, check that they are securely fastened.

**Take Advantage of Smart Technology**

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 40 years ago people had an average of 17 minutes to escape a home fire, but today the average has decreased to about 3 minutes due to synthetic materials used in modern-day home furnishings. To get the earliest warning of a home fire, install wire-free interconnected battery-powered combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. When one alarm senses a hazard, all

alarms throughout the home sound in unison. Features like color-coded status rings and built-in 10-year sealed batteries make Kidde's Wire-Free Interconnected Alarms a smart solution for optimal protection. They offer simple setup and operate without the hassle of hardwiring or a Wi-Fi connection.

**Check Appliances**

While going through your spring home safety checklist, take time to check your appliances or schedule an annual maintenance check for your stove, oven, heating system and more. According to the American Red Cross, dryers are responsible for approximately 9 of every 10 appliances fires. These common household appliances can collect dust, lint and other particles, which are potential fire hazards and can cause carbon monoxide leaks.

**Keep Outdoor Activities in Mind**

Cooking on grills is a popular pastime, but thousands of people are injured every year while using them. In fact, according to the National Fire Protection Association, nearly 9,000 home fires are started by grills each year. Now is a good time to get your home's grilling area in tip-top shape. Keep a 3-foot safety zone around hot grills for children and pets, and have a multipurpose home fire extinguisher nearby as fires can occur unexpectedly. Propane and charcoal grills both put off carbon monoxide as a byproduct, so be sure keep your grill at least 10 feet from the home and ensure it is positioned away from windows, doors, vents and ductwork.

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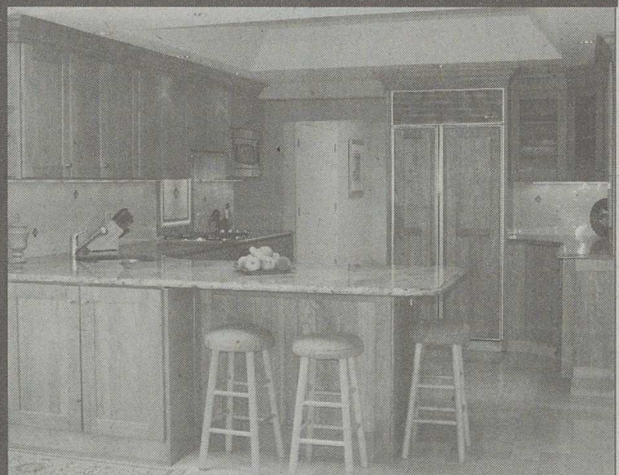
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## Weather the Storm

### Prepare early for power outages and other storm impacts

(Family Features)

Surging spring temperatures can bring volatility that translates into major weather events. The 2020 storm season could see above-average probability for major hurricanes hitting the United States coastline and the Caribbean, according to the annual Colorado State Tropical Meteorology Forecast.

As those in the paths of seasonal storms know, property damage and power outages come with the territory. Being prepared for weather disasters and power outages is critical to protecting property, productivity and well-being.

Assess external threats. Before storm season arrives, take inventory of potential problems outdoors that could be exacerbated by bad weather. For example, trees may need trimming if limbs threaten power lines, the house or other structures on your property. Also examine the house for necessary repairs, such as loose guttering, shutters or shingles that may need to be secured and torn screens, all of which can worsen in heavy weather and cause more damage.

Another consideration is items that could topple in heavy winds, such as barbecue grills or lawn furniture. When possible, look for ways to secure these items so they don't take flight, aren't destroyed or cause additional damage.

Assemble emergency resources. An overnight storm is no time to discover your flashlight batteries are dead or you don't have the right size batteries to replace them. Making time to update your stash of storm supplies before weather hits can save some frustration and help ensure you're prepared to safely wait out the storm.

In addition to replacing flashlight batteries and checking that they're in good working order, if you don't have a light source in every room it's a good plan to place flashlights or lanterns in rooms where you may need to be able to see in an emergency. The idea is to give everyone in the family the ability to illuminate their path and move safely through the house no matter where they are when the lights go out.

Part of your preparation should also include restocking your first-aid kit. Some items in the

kit, like ointments and medications, can expire so you'll need to replenish anything you've used and double-check that the contents are still safe to use. If you don't already have them, be sure to add a battery-operated radio and a portable power bank so you have access to news updates and can charge a low phone battery.

Take inventory of your non-perishable food items to ensure you have plenty of options on hand in the event power stays off through one or more meals. You may also want to stockpile some books and board games for convenient access to entertainment while your power is down.

Make power plans. Because power outages area near certainty during severe weather season, reliable electricity is a necessity for powering work, school and daily life. An appropriately sized standby generator can ensure your home power doesn't miss a beat when faced with seasonal storms. Because standby generators are fueled by natural gas or liquid propane, the tank doesn't require regular refueling with gasoline which means no last-minute trips to the gas station when your generator runs out of gas.

"Standby generators can power an entire home, and because they are wired to the home's electrical system so there is minimal interruption," said Brian Northway, Briggs & Stratton field service manager. "When a storm knocks out power, the generator automatically takes over to deliver power, allowing you to take care of family and accomplish what you need to rather than worry about the power outage."

Generators with a smart power management system, such as the line of units offered by Briggs & Stratton, can help manage high-wattage appliance priority. These power management technologies allow a homeowner to prioritize the power they need during an outage at a lower upfront acquisition cost.

Learn more about standby power options at [powernow.com](http://powernow.com).

How Big of a Generator Do You Need?

It can be easiest to determine which type of home standby generator system is right for your

household by first thinking about what items your family needs to remain functioning normally during a power outage. The number of home appliances or electrical loads you want to power will determine the size and cost of the generator.

There are generally three different types of standby generators, which vary based on how much your home needs to power:

Select Circuit Home Generators: Power Essential Appliances

A select-circuit generator system is a cost-effective way to power your home's basics to get you comfortably through a power outage. These units can power up to 10 electrical loads in your home, including the fridge, some lights, television and the microwave.

Managed Whole-House Power Generators: Smaller, More Power

A standby generator equipped with a smart power management solution gives your family the benefits of whole-house power with a smaller, more affordable generator system. These home generator systems can power all your electrical needs, including up to two

air conditioners. Whole-House Generators: Maximum Backup Power Needs

Whole-house standby generator options are typically used as backup power solutions for extra-large and luxury homes. They power an array of high-wattage appliances, from double ovens to hot tubs with commercial-grade performance.

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# Top spring cleaning tips from the pros

(BPT) - With extra time at home right now, millions of Americans are taking the opportunity to address house-keeping tasks they haven't gotten around to - from cleaning the mattress to scrubbing the washer and dryer. This is the year to do your best spring cleaning yet.

You likely know the basics of how to get the job done right, but here are some game-changing tips from the pros on how to spruce up every room in your house.

1. Start with the bedroom

\* While washing your bedding, it's a great time to rid your mattress of dust. A perfect tool for the job is a lightweight stick vacuum like the CordZero from LG. Using vibrations, its "power punch" nozzle attachment knocks dust free from the layers below and swiftly transfers it to the dust bin.

\* When rotating your closet from winter to summer, your stored

clothes likely need a refresh. Instead of washing, run summer clothes through the dryer on a steam refresh cycle and they'll be ready for the season.

2. Take care of your appliances

\* Make sure to clean your dryer vent. "LG recommends cleaning the vent and hose every 6-12 months depending on how much laundry you do," notes Laura Johnson, an R&D expert at the LG Electronics home appliances lab. "This will help keep the dryer in great shape and reduce risk of fire."

\* Many people don't know it's important to run the tub clean cycle on your washer to get the inside of the machine clean. Johnson recommends running the cycle every 30 washes with a cleaning agent like Affresh and Clorox washing machine cleaners or vinegar and baking soda.

\* Also take the time to wipe down the outside of the washer and dryer,

and the rubber seal or gasket around the door or lid.

3. Use the power of steam to sanitize

\* Steam gives an unrivaled clean while also letting you take a break from harsh chemicals.

\* Johnson suggests using steam cycle settings on your washer and/or dryer (many LG washing machines even have Sanitize and Allergiene cycles) to deep clean everything from

bedding and pillows to bathroom floor mats.

\* You can also use a steam mop on your floors to get rid of any excess grit and grime.

4. Don't forget to clean your kids' toys

\* The dishwasher is getting more use than ever right now, and it can do more than you think! Throw children's dishwasher-friendly toys in to get them clean. If they're smaller, be sure to place them in a mesh laundry

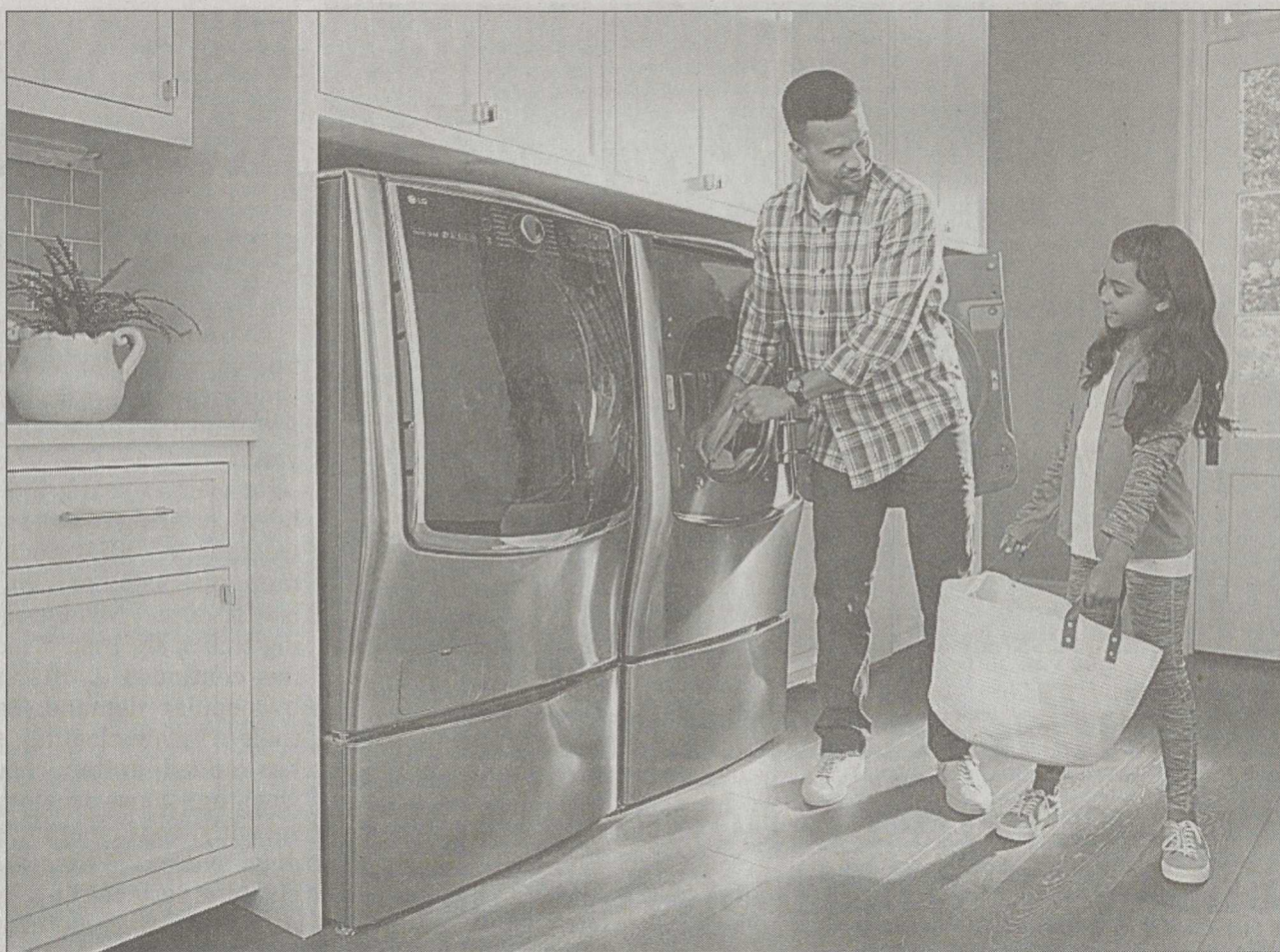
bag first.

\* Now is also a good time to run kids' washing machine-safe stuffed animals through a wash cycle - most can be laundered on your washer's delicate cycle, but Johnson advises to always check labels to be sure. Plush toys can be dried on low heat - or if it's sunny and warm, put them outside to dry.

5. Give the fabrics in your bathroom some TLC

\* When deep cleaning

your shower, don't forget your shower curtain. Vinyl, synthetic, cotton and natural fiber shower curtains can be laundered using the "waterproof" cycle (found on top-load washers) or "delicates" cycle (found on front-load washers) with mild detergent. If you can't wash it, scrub the liner by hand with a sponge and a solution of 10 parts water to 1 part bleach.



## Blooms and beyond: The top gardening trends for 2020

(BPT) - Whether you have an outdoor oasis or are a nurturing indoor plant parent, gardening offers a multitude of benefits and has the power to brighten up any space or mood. Spring is the time to plan what plants to grow, and with some expert insight on top trends, you'll be gardening with success and enjoying the results.

The team at Ball Horticultural Company shares the top trends for 2020, guiding plant lovers at all levels to confidently grow a garden, big or small.

**Indoor Garden Rooms**  
Mother Nature has made her way indoors with more people planting inside their homes in a variety of ways. Whether it's creating a soothing space by a windowsill filled with houseplants or growing your own edible herbs and microgreens in your kitchen, planting indoors is on the rise. Serious plant-lovers are even dedicating entire interior spaces to gardening, creating "garden rooms" or "indoor jungles."

Indoor gardening lets homeowners experience the benefits of plants wherever they live, regard-

less of the weather outdoors. Easy-to-care-for houseplants, such as Dieffenbachia, a strong and sturdy plant that has stunning and unique tropical leaves, makes people feel like they are on vacation in their own homes. Studies show that foliage plants also clean indoor air and lift overall spirits. Finally, don't be afraid of indoor flowering plants like Gerbera or Cyclamen. Their flowers last 3-4 weeks and are available in many colors to fit your mood or match your seasonal decor.

PanAmerican Seed offers the Kitchen Minis - a collection as an option for gardeners who want to grow and harvest their own vegetables year-round. These potted vegetable plants can thrive on a sunny windowsill or counter. With Kitchen Minis, such as the Siam Edible Potted Tomato, people can pluck ingredients right from the container in their kitchen to use in a recipe. The collection also includes sweet and hot peppers with more options to come.

Gardening for Health and Wellness

It's no secret that consuming fresh vegetables and herbs is beneficial to one's physical health, and gardening at home puts a variety of flavorful produce within arm's reach. The benefits of gardening also extend to mental health, as tending a garden and being close to nature helps reduce stress, calm anxiety and acts as a mood-booster.

Herbs are a simple place to start when growing your own food. You can't go wrong with Everleaf Emerald Towers Basil, which adds flavor to many dishes like fresh Caprese salad. This beautiful, column-like plant not only gives a bountiful harvest, it is also late to flower and can be paired with colorful flowers in a mixed container for month after month of hand-plucked flavor and garden enjoyment.

Mardi Gras Fun Snack Peppers from Burpee Plants are the perfect healthy miniature peppers that add a conversation piece to any garden. They're available in four eye-catching color options that can be grown to-



gether in one container for a fun patio display, and kids adore helping to grow, pick and eat these crunchy snacks.

Aromatherapy is also a popular wellness practice, with lavender plants topping the list of must-haves because of its reputation for inspiring relaxation. SuperBlue English Lavender grows rich blue blooms on short flower spikes, providing a calming scent and great garden texture. Alternatively, Primavera Spanish Lavender flowers throughout the summer, displaying great heat tolerance with bushy, scented florets that attract bees and other pollinators.

### Bold Colors

Bold colors are planted

in gardens across the country and different hues blanket landscapes large and small. Additionally, people with container gardens are planting flowers known for their vivid color for instant impact, making this trend accessible to all, including those who live in a condo or apartment with limited outdoor garden space.

Some standout plants that feature the best bold hues include Galaxy Geranium, a brand-new series that is vigorous enough to keep its large, semi-double blooms in color all season. Look for stunning dark red, pink, purple, salmon, violet, watermelon and white, giving gardeners the option to choose their favorite shade or create a

rainbow of flowers.

Another bold option that is wonderful for sunny borders or bright corners is Rose Marvel Salvia. Its mega-large bloom stems result in spectacular displays in spring and summer so you'll enjoy color throughout the warm months. The rose-pink flowers are deer and rabbit resistant, plus they rebloom without being cut back, saving time and minimizing maintenance.

Ask for these plants at your favorite garden retailer, and you're on your way to experiencing all that flowers have to offer. To learn more about these plants and the top gardening trends of the year, visit the plant experts at [www.ballhort.com](http://www.ballhort.com).





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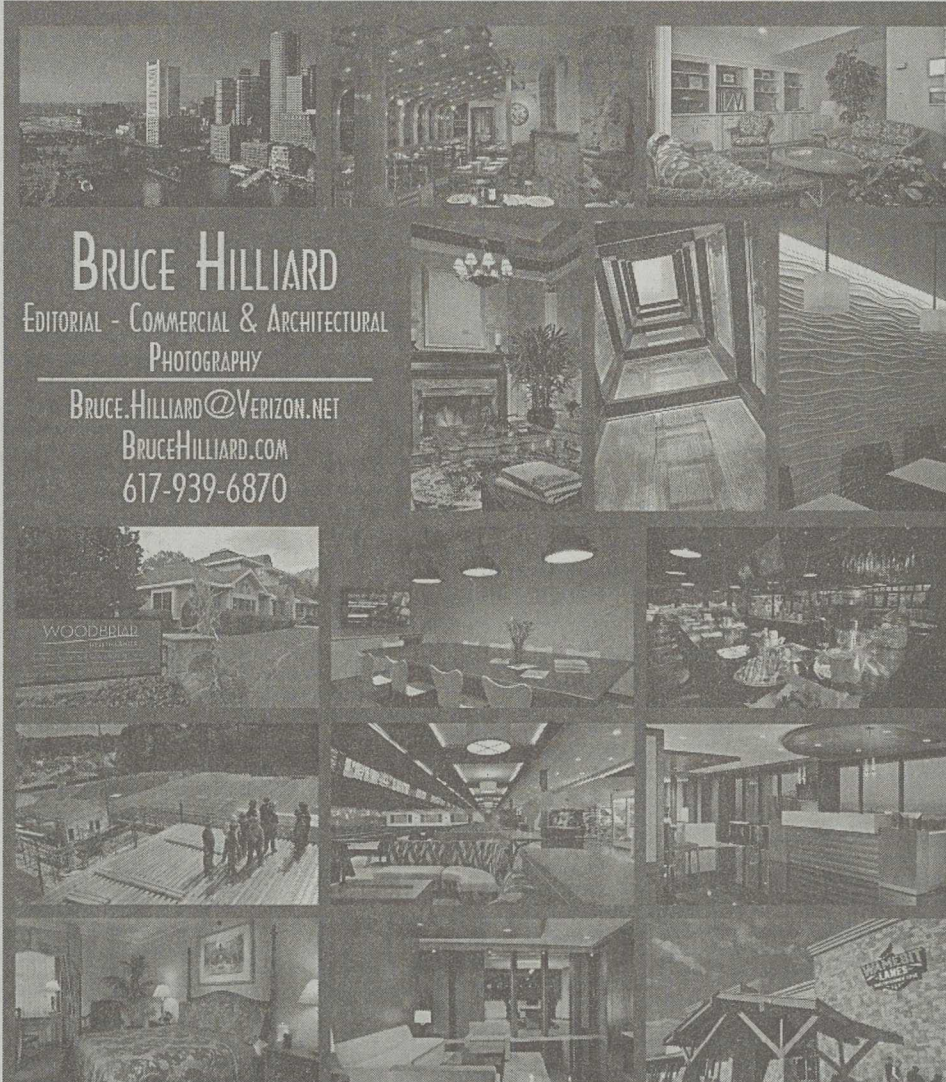
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## Want hot water on demand? A retrofit home improvement makes it possible

Eliminate water waste and get hot water on demand with new home improvement system

(BPT) - What happens when you turn on the shower? In the typical North American home, cold water comes pouring out. Because this is a shock to the body, most people make it a habit to run the shower for a few minutes before getting in.

Meanwhile, you might do something else as the water warms. In fact, there are probably times you have gotten distracted and forgotten about your shower. Whether it's for a few minutes or much longer, this is a lot of potable water just running down the drain.

Fortunately, there is a growing home improvement trend that eliminates this problem: hot water recirculation using tankless water heater systems. The NRCR Residential Condensing Tankless Water Heater from Noritz uses a built-in pump to keep hot water close to even the farthest outlet in the home, minimizing the wait and, therefore, the waste of unused potable water down the drain.

Why does it take so long to get hot water?

A typical American home wastes thousands of gallons of perfectly usable water down the drain annually due to lengthy wait times at hot-water outlets in the bath and kitchen. This experience is common when showering and bathing as well as when you turn on faucets.

This happens because when you use warm water, the remaining water in the pipes does not return to the water heater for reheating. Instead, it stays in the pipes and eventually turns cold. This chilly water needs to be pushed out and is what you feel before new hot water from the water heater is delivered when you turn the knob.

Why doesn't this happen at hotels?

This same experience doesn't typically happen

in hotels, where you enjoy hot water near instantaneously. That's because commercial properties like hotels know that many people want to use hot water at similar times and expect this convenience, so they have a special pump constantly run with a dedicated circulation line of water connected to each room. That puts hot water right where it's needed at all times. Also, in a hotel, the distance between the furthest shower and the hot-water source is so great, the wait and the consequent waste and cost would be enormous.

So what's the solution for residential properties? More homeowners desire this convenience and are installing a hot-water recirculation system, which allows you to enjoy the convenience of hot water on demand while also reducing your water footprint, helping save money on utility bills.

The many benefits of hot water recirculation Today's homeowner often has a high desire for comfort while being mindful of the environment, which makes it no surprise that hot-water recirculation is a growing home improvement trend.

Whether you want to replace your entire water heating system with a modern tankless option or add a crossover valve that retrofits to your existing system, Noritz's new NRCR tankless solution offers several op-

tions for different plumbing configurations. As a result, hot water is always available in whatever part of the house you need it.

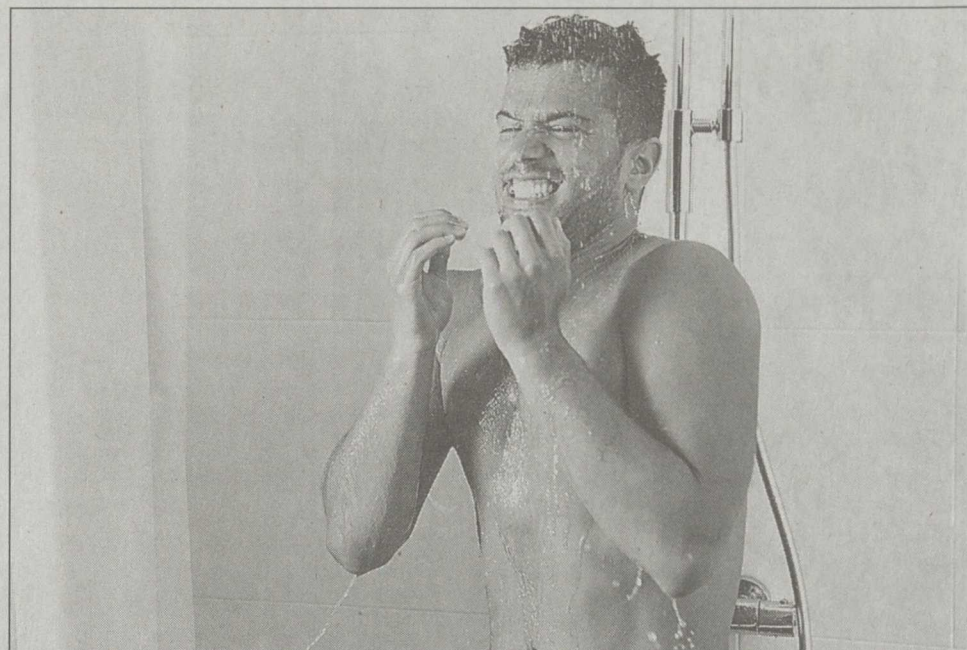
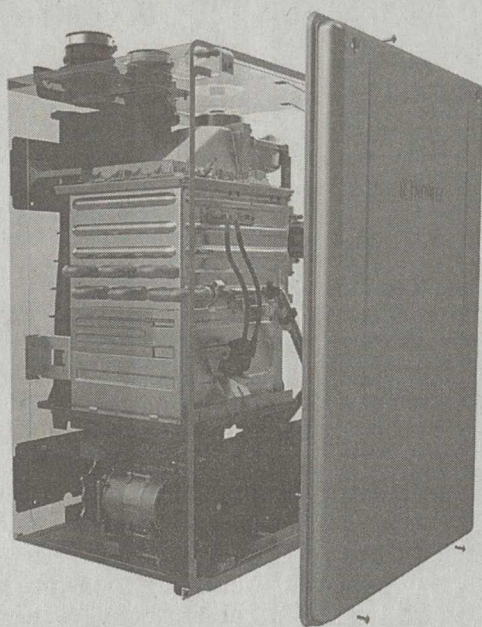
Some homes have a pre-built pipe loop that is ready to add a pump to work in conjunction with your water heater. If your home doesn't have this dedicated return line, you can install a crossover valve at the furthest fixture of your home and take advantage of the NRCR crossover mode.

Alternatively, homeowners who decide to replace their systems with tankless options will enjoy even more convenience and benefits. With tankless systems like the NRCR, the hot-water circulation pump is fully integrated into the tankless water heater. This technology operates only when there is demand to bring hot water to you, which saves even more energy.

What's more, these systems are more affordable than ever. Federal tax credits combined with possible rebates from local or state governments can drive the price down significantly.

Smart technology for a smart home

In addition to providing on-demand hot water and reducing water waste, the NRCR technology learns how and when you use hot water. The new learning mode records habits over time based on your daily use and will turn on the recirculation pump only when you need it, meaning your



system is efficient as well as convenient. You can also set your own schedule to your lifestyle needs if you choose.

If you're done with the unpleasant stream of

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Joe thought it would be helpful to share some of his thoughts with those embarking on a new home improvement project in hiring a contractor.

When choosing a contractor one will want to make sure the company is reputable, fully licensed and fully insured. You want to check credentials and references before signing a contract. You also want to make sure that you are comparing apples to apples when looking at two proposals. Make sure that both the contractors have specified the exact materials they are planning to use. Cheapest is not always the best.

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with the customer as to exactly what their wants and needs are and the possibilities of what can be created.

Job coordination is also very important. This is something that is overlooked quite often by both contractors and homeowners.

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We hope this helps answer any questions you have regarding hiring a contractor for your next home improvement project.

## Seasonal home supplies for spring

(Family Features) Between spring cleaning and spending additional time outdoors (or both), the spring season can bring a lot of changes to your home. From insect prevention to rethinking home organization and adding style to your favorite spaces, it's an opportunity to reimagine your living areas while planning ahead for potential problems.

Visit [eLivingtoday.com](http://eLivingtoday.com) for more ways to spruce up your home for spring.

Combat Carpenter Bees with Early Prevention

Don't let carpenter bees get a foothold in your home where they can damage wood. One of the easiest ways to prevent carpenter bees from boring into your house is to capture them before they begin multiplying. Traps, like the TrapStik from Rescue!, lure in carpenter bees with appealing colors and patterns then trap them on a sticky surface. Just hang the weather-resistant, pesticide-free traps where carpenter bees are seen or holes can be found.

Learn more at [rescue.com/rescueyourhome](http://rescue.com/rescueyourhome).

Optimize Home Organization For many people, a major part of spring cleaning revolves around reorganization. By adding versatile, ventilated storage to pantries, laundry rooms, mudrooms or just about any space in the house, a solution like ClosetMaid's multi-functional wire drawer organizer kits are perfect for small spaces. Available in 2-, 3- or 4-drawer sizes, the kits can help organize items from food to off-season holiday decorations to toiletries or cleaning supplies. Find more information at [closetmaid.com](http://closetmaid.com).

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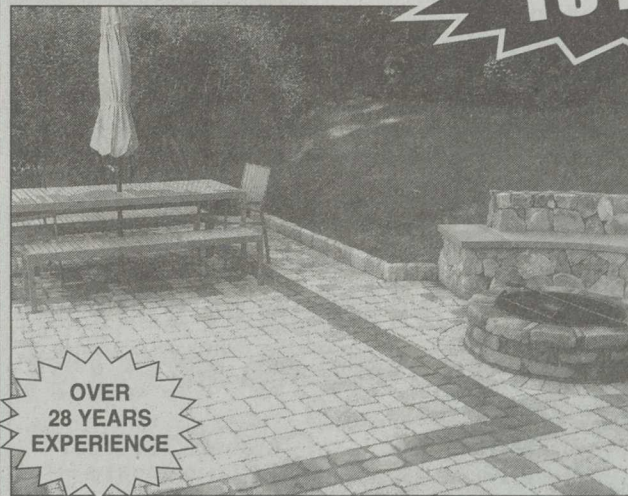
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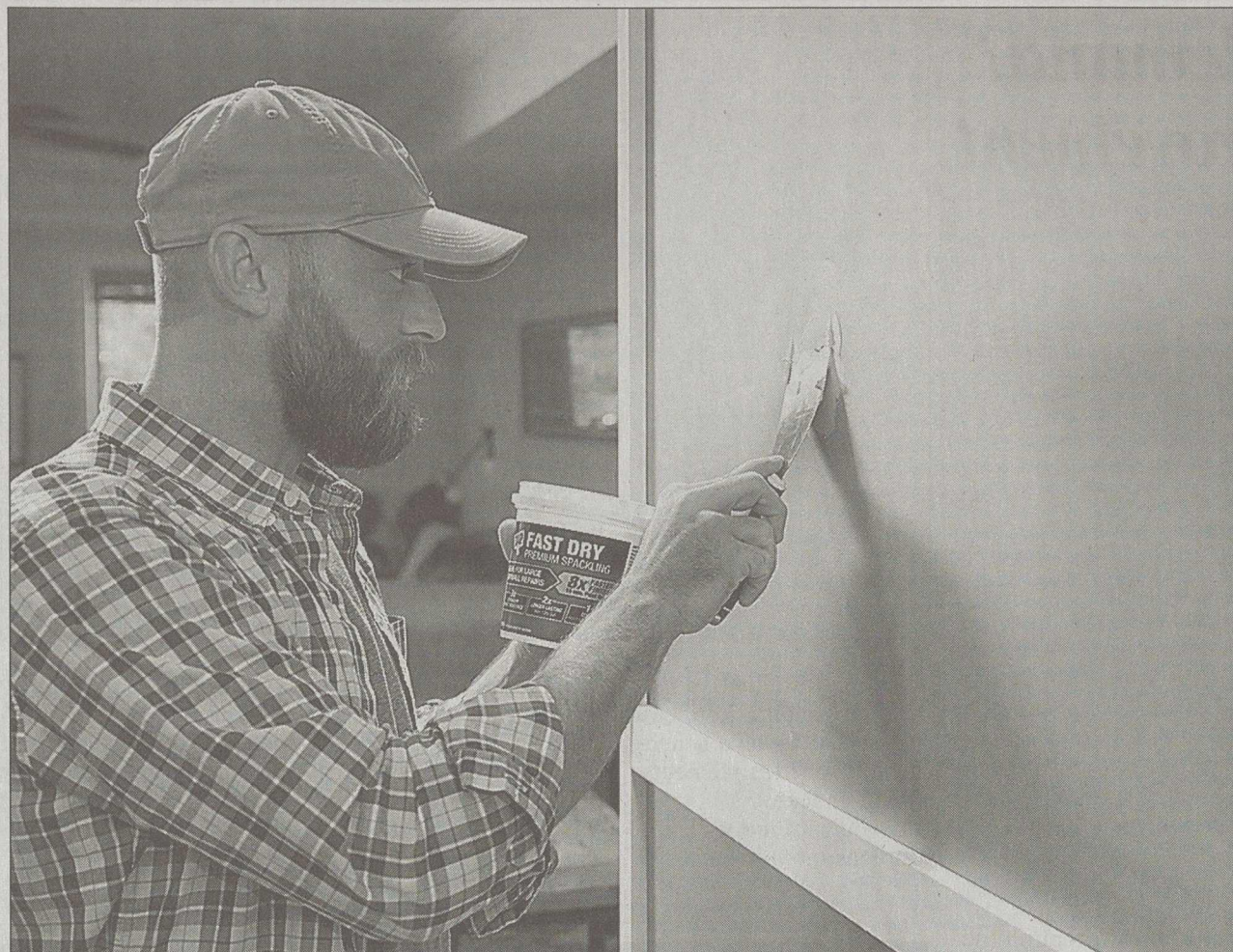
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## Five steps to painting like a pro at home

(BPT) - Nothing transforms a home quite like a fresh coat of paint. In fact, painting your own house is one of the smartest and easiest DIY upgrades a homeowner can accomplish, especially as they find themselves spending more time at home. With 71% of homeowners undertaking improvement or renovation projects that include paint, according to an iProperty Management Study, here are surefire tips to ensure you are painting like a pro.

1. Clean your canvas - Paint adheres better to a smooth, clean surface. While living room walls may only need a dry dusting, kitchens and bathrooms, where dirt, grease, oil or mildew can build up, need extra attention. Wash surfaces with soap and water, rinse well and allow to dry completely. For bathrooms, remove mold and mildew by applying a solution of one part bleach to three parts water and allow the solution to sit for 20 minutes. Then scrub mold and mildew with a soft-bristle brush, rinse the surface and allow it to dry. Be sure to wear safety glasses and rubber gloves when working with this bleach and water solution. For surfaces that are particularly grimy, spray with Rust-Oleum's Original Krud Kutter Cleaner & Degreaser, wipe off with a clean cloth and allow to dry.

2. Ensure a smooth surface - Now that the surface is dry, smooth down any uneven or rough surfaces with a bit of fine-grit sandpaper. Another pro tip is to shine a bright light at a low angle across the surface to spot any problem areas. After you have sanded or scraped the area, wipe it down with a damp cloth to remove any dust or residue and allow to dry.

3. Don't forget the details - Anyone can paint over a wide, smooth surface, but it's the attention to detail around windows and doors that truly gives a job that

professional look. Start by removing any loose or cracked caulking from windows, doors and trim, and apply a fresh bead of sealant for a smooth, sealed surface. DAP ALEX FLEX, Premium Molding & Trim Sealant is paintable in just 30 minutes, saving time and resulting in a seamless, more professional finish. Next, use painter's tape to protect windowsills, molding, baseboards, door hinges and the ceiling perimeter, taking your time to ensure that all areas are properly covered.

4. Fill in imperfections - Now it's time to tackle the main surface. Cracks, holes and dents will mar the finished project, so apply spackling to fill in these areas. Open a container of pre-mixed spackling compound and apply a small amount over the damage with a flexible putty knife. Spread the compound over the hole or crack in a smooth, downward motion. Overfill slightly and sand smooth using fine-grit sandpaper. Need to tackle a larger drywall repair? Reach for DAP's FAST DRY Premium Spackling. This professional-grade spackling compound is uniquely formulated to provide strength and durability while drying fast. Depending on the size of the repair, it can be painted in as little as 15 minutes.

5. Paint with precision - Make the job go easier and faster by having a variety of brushes and rollers on hand. Rollers are great for covering large, wide surfaces, but for a professional look around edges and corners, you'll need smaller brushes for the right amount of detailed work. Allow the first coat of paint to completely dry, and then apply a second coat to ensure smooth, even coverage. Once the second coat is dry, carefully pull up any painter's tape and voila! Your space is transformed!

For more information on DAP products for your next DIY project, visit DAP.com.



## Seasonal home supplies (From Page C5)

or antique copper trim, the ranges complement styles such as farmhouse, Victorian, log cabin and even more contemporary settings. Full-size, self-cleaning ovens are available in electric, convection electric or gas. Complete the look with matching fridges, wall ovens, dishwashers and microwaves. Find more information at [elmira-stove.com](http://elmira-stove.com).

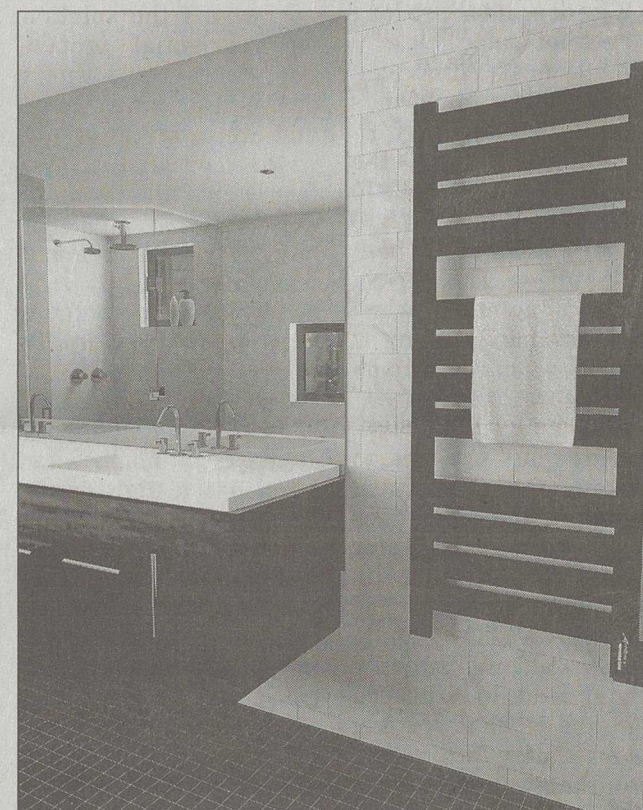
### A Pleasant Patio Setting

The warmer weather of spring often brings with it the desire to be outside and enjoying the season. You can spruce up the entertaining capabilities and comfort of your outdoor areas with patio furniture built to hold up against the weather. Keep it simple with two chairs

and a small table or go all-in with loveseats, end tables and more. For added comfort, look for furniture with removable cushions that can be brought inside or stored away when not in use.

### Keep the Lawn Clean

As the green grass begins to sprout and add beauty to your yard, so do weeds and other undesirable growth. Mowing the lawn regularly may take care of a majority of issues, but for those hard-to-reach areas, a string trimmer can help you clean up spots that simply can't be mowed over. Available in gas, electric and battery-powered, a multitude of options means you can choose the right fit for your yard.



## Sustainable home upgrades for better health

(Family Features) When you're on a quest to create a home environment that promotes wellness, it can be difficult to know where to begin. One easy solution is to look for small changes that improve your personal well-being while also promoting a better environment overall.

Consider these sustainable projects and changes for a healthier, happier household:

Rethink window treatments. Windows can affect a home in numerous ways, both good and bad. On the upside, ambient light is a natural mood-boosting alternative to energy-hungry fixtures. Windows add

character, and the right window treatments can play an essential role in a decorative scheme. In the winter, windows can also be natural conveyors of the sun's heat, reducing your reliance on energy.

You may also be surprised to learn that the window treatments you choose to help manage

light and climate can play a big role in your home's health and sustainability. Drapes can be difficult to clean, which means they can trap dirt, dust and other allergens that tarnish air quality. Many blinds use synthetic materials, making them less than ideal earth-conscious options. Your best bet is bamboo or wood treatments that are certified as eco-friendly and easy to keep clean.

Lessen the laundry load. Reducing the amount of laundry you do not only saves time but is also better for the environment. Washing clothes accounts for 15-40% of the water consumption for an average family of four, according to Home Water Works, and the annual energy consumption of typical electric clothes dryers often equals the cost of running a new energy-efficient refrigerator, clothes washer and dishwasher combined.

An alternative like a heated towel rack uses less energy than a standard dryer (about the same amount of electricity as a few light bulbs). Not only does an option like an Amba heated towel rack save energy and time by reducing the frequency of washing towels, it keeps them dry

and free of mold and mildew between washes. Plus, wrapping up in a warm towel can help reduce joint stiffness and muscle spasms, according to research by the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. With 150 affordable mounted and free-standing models made from 100% recyclable, marine-grade stainless steel, and custom color options available, it can be easy to add a stylish accent to bathrooms, laundry rooms or mudrooms.

Reduce household chemicals. It may seem that the stronger, the better is the best approach when it comes to fighting dirt and germs, but in fact, there are many negative health and environmental impacts from harsh cleaners. Opt instead for more natural formulas that deliver the same clean with fewer synthetic ingredients.

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Aside from cleaners, there are likely numerous other sources of potentially risky chemicals throughout your home, including furniture, clothing and bedding that requires dry cleaning. Products containing chemical dyes and synthetic materials are not only potential irritants, they often also carry the weight of lesser environmentally friendly production practices. Linens made from natural materials may help you avoid unnecessary exposure to chemicals, and you can readily find options that help alleviate concerns about allergens and allow you to support sustainable manufacturing practices.

Learn more about sustainable products and ideas for a health-conscious home at [ambaproducts.com](http://ambaproducts.com).

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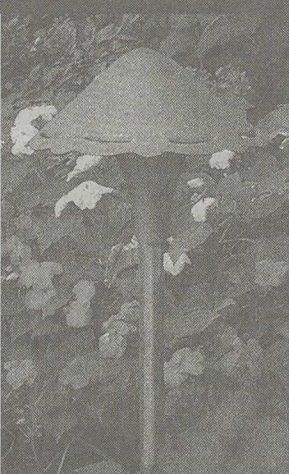
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## Turn your backyard into a safe space for healthy play



(BPT) - As Americans across the country retreat to their homes to help slow the spread of COVID-19, many are rediscovering the value of their yards as places to take in fresh air, engage their children in outdoor games and enjoy physical activity in a safe environment.

### 3 tips for safe, healthy outdoor fun for the family

Kids who can no longer participate in organized sports activities or meet their friends at the park need creative ways to burn off energy at home. Unplugging and stepping outside can be good for the whole family's physical and mental health. Consider these three tips as you explore ways to take advantage of the green space around your home.

**Educate:** The backyard offers a great setting to learn about plant biology and the creepy crawlers that call our lawns home. Take a magnifying glass to your lawn and explore the habitat nestled between the blades.

**Exercise:** Lace up your sneakers and take to the yard for a 30-minute workout or arrange an obstacle course on the lawn for the kids. Encourage children to compete for the fastest time or create a course of their own.

**Rejuvenate:** As the days get warmer, enjoy a little self-care by soaking in the sun on the lawn. Consider laying out a blanket and reading. Whether it becomes family story time or some quiet time to yourself, spend some time enjoying your own personal piece of the great outdoors.

### Take this time to give your lawn some TLC

Now is a great time for some DIY spring maintenance to get your lawn ready for summer and the likely heavier-than-usual use it will see as you spend more time at home. To create a lush, healthy, low-maintenance lawn that is summer-ready, follow these spring lawn care tips from the experts at Grass Seed USA, a coalition of American grass seed farmers and turf specialists.

**Interseed** for a thicker lawn. Lawns that are sparse or have worn patches coming out of winter can be interseeded when the soil warms up in the spring. In addition to enhancing the overall appearance of the lawn, interseeding will help keep turf dense, which is a natural defense to keeping pesky weeds out.

**Simply rake** away lawn debris or accumulated thatch, broadcast seed widely or target bare spots on your lawn and irrigate regularly until the seed germinates. Be sure to use a high-quality seed that is a good match for your geographic region and your lawn's soil type, sun exposure and irrigation patterns. Seed can be ordered online and shipped directly to your home from most home improvement retailers.

**Water** deeply and infrequently. Rather than irrigating lightly every day, begin to water more deeply, only once or twice a week, which will encourage strong root growth and make for a hardier lawn in the summer. Most turf grasses will stay vigorous if they receive about 1 inch of water per week, including rainfall (and drought-tolerant species such as tall fescue do well on even less).

**Mow** early and leave the grass taller. Start mowing your lawn before it gets too tall. Scalping an overgrown lawn will stress the plants and potentially cause problems all season long, so make sure you never cut off more than one-third of the grass blade height at a time. A good rule of thumb for most species is to mow when the grass reaches a height of about 3 inches. That means you can cut it to 2 inches - or you can even leave it a little taller to protect the growing point at the base of the blade and improve your lawn's wear tolerance.

**Feed** your lawn. Grasscycling - leaving the clippings on the lawn after you mow and allowing them to decompose - can save you time and provide up to 25% of your lawn's fertilizer needs. To meet the rest of your turf's nutrient requirements, you'll likely need to fertilize in the spring and fall. The spring application should be relatively light and should feature slow-release nitrogen fertilizer to avoid causing rapid but weak growth, which can make the lawn less durable.

If you're among the many Americans seeking activities for energetic kids, suddenly finding time for long-delayed home improvement projects, or just needing a breath of fresh air, step out the backdoor and take advantage of your home's lawn. By engaging in a few DIY spring lawn projects now, your lawn will be ready no matter what summer brings!



## 4 steps: Clean and prep your deck now for summer sun and relaxation

(BPT) - As we all spend more time at home right now, it can be a great opportunity to get a head start on summer projects and begin tackling your list of home improvements, especially as we look toward warmer weather. One thing that often gets overlooked is regular deck cleanings. Since summer is the perfect time to get in the sun and enjoy the outdoors, now is the ideal time to give your deck the cleaning it needs in preparation for summer relaxation and quality family time. The deck is also a great surface for potted plants, herb baskets and increasing curb appeal.

Ready to get started on your deck cleaning? Here are some tips for making it easy and efficient from smart watering expert, Gilmour.

### Make a sweeping change

Start by removing everything from your deck and thoroughly sweeping its surface, then use a screwdriver or putty knife to gently pry out any loose debris stuck between the boards. Take time for basic repairs such as sanding down any rough spots, replacing any loose boards or wobbly rails and flattening protruding nails and screws along the way.

### Choose effective cleaning tools

Having the right tools that are easy to use makes the job more enjoyable and ensures you can get it done right the first time. For example, the Gilmour AquaArmor Hose uses a proprietary surface material and strong internal coils that keep its length kink-free and 50% lighter than standard hoses, making it easier to maneuver and carry. Further, spigot attachment is made nearly effortless by crush-proof couplings. The Front

Control Adjustable Watering Nozzle with Swivel Connect rotates 180 degrees for ease of movement while a simple click switches flow pressure from jet to rinse. Want even more precision? The Power Jet Wand is modeled after power washers to deliver a concentrated water stream that's 12% stronger than standard cleaning nozzles. All three tools are reinforced for durability and ergonomically designed with ultra-comfortable handles, contours and balance points.

### Wash away surface grime

After sweeping and selecting your tools, use your hose and spray attachments to remove remaining dirt and debris from your deck surface. Position the nozzle or wand six to 12 inches away as you work, making sure the spray isn't so close or powerful that it gouges the surface. Once completed, be sure to seal your deck to help protect from water damage and mold and mildew build-up.

### Personalize and enjoy

Once your deck is prepped, you have a blank canvas to enjoy. From adding potted plants, chic patio furniture or pops of color, the space is yours to enjoy. Add hanging baskets and convenient herbs to your deck for a touch of beautiful greenery. Once personalized, ensure continued success by regularly watering plants and cleaning your deck with the lightweight and easy-to-manuever AquaArmor Hose.

Find information and tips about other high-quality watering and cleaning tools to make your work easier at Gilmour.com.

## How to find the right mower for you

(Family Features) Whether you're a first-time homeowner or looking for an upgrade, deciding what lawn mower to purchase deserves careful consideration. Similar to day-to-day life, new technology over the last five years, specifically in the gas mower industry, is making it easier to maintain your lawn.

If you're in the market for a new mower, consider these tips to find the perfect tool to match your needs. **Yard Size** Looking at the size of your yard is the first step in determining the best mower for your needs. Walk-behind mowers work well for yards that are 1/2 acre or less, but for yards 1-3-acres or larger, a zero-turn rider (ZTR) or riding mower may be appropriate.

### Terrain

A small, flat yard may only require a walk-behind mower. If your yard is sloped or hilly, you may prefer a self-propelled mower rather than one you have to push. A walk-behind mower with big back wheels is easier to maneuver across rough terrain. Riding mowers and ZTRs can handle varied terrain, although some handle better on slopes than others.

### Engine

Engines are one of the most important factors affecting a mower's performance, so purchasing one with a quality engine is essential. For example, Briggs & Stratton engines can be found on several brands of lawn mowers, including eight of the top 10

walk-behind brands. As a global leader in gasoline engines for outdoor power equipment, these engines power mowers ranging from small walk-behinds to large ZTRs and riding mowers.

### Special Features

While certain features may add to the cost of lawn mowers, many provide functions worth considering. One popular option is a mulching blade, which returns finely cut grass pieces to the lawn as a natural fertilizer. Another common choice is a bagging attach-

ment, which is a grass-catching bag that can be affixed to the side or back of the mower to collect grass clippings.

Explore more ways to put technology to work in your yard at [briggsandstratton.com](http://briggsandstratton.com).

### Technology to Get the Job Done

Explore high-tech features that make mowing more manageable with these insights from professional home improvement contractor Jason Cameron, host of DIY Net-

work's "Desperate Landscapes."

Avoid disturbing the neighbors. If finding time to mow means you might be inconveniencing your neighbors, a mower designed to operate quietly may be what you need. To take advantage of weekend mornings without bothering others, look into modern models, some of which even feature technology to make the mower quieter than the average gas mower.

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## Tips for childproofing an older home

(BPT) - While many homeowners love the unique charm and beauty that can only be found in an older home, the truth is that older houses present challenges to keeping everyone safe, especially little ones. For any house where children are being raised, or where they may spend a lot of time, it's a good idea to take stock of some potential hazards - before they cause a danger to any infant or child.

### Test for lead

Many houses built decades ago may contain lead not only in the paint, but also in the water pipes. You can have both your water and paint tested for lead. If lead is present, speak with a licensed contractor about ways to remove lead safely to protect everyone in your home.

### Examine windows - including window coverings

Older windows can pose a number of risks to young children. Never place furniture such as a crib or anything that a child could climb on underneath a window. Installing strong window guards over any windows that could pose a

threat to your child, not just in their bedroom, can give you peace of mind.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, corded window coverings are one of the top five hidden hazards in the home. Older, corded window coverings such as blinds may have looped pull cords or accessible inner cords that pose a serious strangulation risk to small children.

The Window Covering Safety Council (WCSC) urges parents and caregivers to check corded window coverings for potential cord hazards and to replace them with today's safer products. Government safety officials and the WCSC recommend that only cordless window treatments be used in homes where infants and young children live or regularly spend time. Tasseled pull cords also need to be as short as possible, to be well out of reach of children.

A new U.S. Safety Standard requires that all stock products be cordless or have inaccessible cords. So if you need to replace older window coverings with new ones, look for the "Best for Kids" certified label. Products with the

Best for Kids label have gone through third-party testing and are designed for use in homes with young kids.

### Consider heat sources

For any older home, heat sources such as radiators can pose a risk of burns. Space heaters used in chilly houses can also be dangerous around young children. Safely cover, insulate - or simply don't use - any heat sources that could harm a young child.

### Uneven floors and walls

Some old houses have irregular walls, uneven floors and less than straight or well-designed staircases. This can create the following difficulties for childproofing your home.

\* Installing baby gates. If a baby gate relies on pressure to secure it, uneven floors, walls or banisters can make it far from secure. Instead, get the kind of baby gate that needs to be installed using secure hardware - and hire an expert if you're not confident of your skills to get the job done safely.

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